

Here ben endyd the Cronycles of the Reame of Englonde with the
 apperteignaunces. Enpriētyd In the Duchye of Brabant. in the towne
 of Andewarpe In the yere of ovr lord .M.cccc.xciij. By maistr Gerard
 de leew. a man of grete wysedom in all maner of künpyng: whych now
 is come from lyfe vnto the deth/which is grete harme for many a poure
 man. On whos soule god almyghty for hys hygh grace haue mercy

A M E N



I Thys storie of the right noble and worthy knyght parrys and of
the fayre vyenne the dolphyns doughter of vyennoye.



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¶ Here begynneth the storie of the noble ryght valiant & worthy knight Parrys/ and of the fayre vyene the daulphyns daughter of vienois: the whiche suffred many aduersitees/ bycause of their true loue. or they coude enpoye the effect therof eche of other

In the tyme of kynge Charles of Fraunce the yere of our lord Ihesu crist M.C.LXVI. was in the londe of vyenois a ryche Baron daulphyn and lord of the londe that was named sir Godfrey of alanson/ and was of the kinges kynrede of Fraunce. the which daulphyn was right myghty and a grete lord bothe in hauoyr & in landes. and was a ryght wyse man/ in soo moche that for his grete wysedom he was moche made of: bothe of the kinge of fraunce. & of al the lordes & barons of his courte/ soo that noo thyng was doon in the sayde royaume but that he was called therto/ And had to his wyf a moche fayre lady which cleped was dame Diane: whiche was of so grete beaute that she was wel worthy and digne to be named after that fayre sterre that men calle dyane that appyareth & sheweth a lytyl afore the day/ & also she was replenished of all noblenes & gentylnes that a lady may or ought to haue The sayd daulphyn thence & thys noble lady dyane were vij. yere to gyder withoute yssue that moche they desired to haue. & prayed

our lord bothe nyght & day that they myght haue childre playsaunt & redy to his deuynne seruyce: & our lord thorough his benignite herde their prayer: and after his plaisir gaf vnto the the vij. yere of their mariage a right fayre daughter for the whiche grete gladnes & poye was made thorough alle the daulphins londe: & the chyld was baptyzed wyth grete honour & ioye/ & in token of grete loue they named hyr vyene bicause the cite where she was born in was called vyene. and this daughter was deliuered vnto a noble lady for to be nourished wyth hyr: The whiche lady was of the sayde cite/ and had a lytill daughter of the agae of vyene. the whiche was named ysabel/ & so the fayre vyene was nourished wyth the same ysabel. from hyr tender agae vnto many yeres after/ and so grete loue was bytwene them bothe that they called eche other sisters. & the fayre vyenne grewe & increaced euer in souerayn beaute & gentylnesse. so that the renowne of hyr excellēt beaute flourished not onely thurgh al fraunce but also thurgh all the Royaume of englond/ and other countrees It hap- ped after she was .xv. yere of aage. that she was desired to mariage of many knightes & grete lordes/ and at that tyme was in the daulphyns court among many his knightes/ a noble man of auncient bygnage & of many lordes/ the which was wel beloued of the daulphyn and of alle the lordes

des of the lode. & was called sir Ja-
kes: This noble mā had a moch fa-
yr sone that had to name Parys/ād
his fader made hym to be taught i al
good customes/ & whā he was viij
yere of aage he was adressed to the
discipline of armes. & demened him
self so nobly & worthely in all maner
dedes of cheualerie that wþ in a short
time after he was dubbed knight by
the hāde of the sayd Dauphyn: Noo
fayte of knyghthode ne none aduen-
ture of cheualrye happed after/ But
that he founde him self at it in so moch
that the renowne of hi ranne thurgh
al the worlde. and men saide that he
was one of the beste knyghtes that
myght be founde in ony countree/ād
helde him self right clene in armes: &
lyued chastly & ioyefully. & had euer
aboute him fowles hawkes & houn-
des for his disporte for alle maner of
hunting suffysaunt ynough for a duc
or for an erle. & thurgh hys prowesse
& hardynes he was acquynted/ād
known of many other grete lordes/
And amonge all other he was grete-
ly & louynghly acquynted with a yō-
ge knight of the Lyte of Vyene that
hyght Edward. & were bothe of one
age/ & moche loued eche other/ād as
twoo brethren of armes wente euer
to gyder there as they knewe ony io-
ustynge or apptyse of armes to be had
for to gete honour. And wete it wel
that beside their worthynes i armes
they were good musycyens playyng
vpō alle maner instrumētes of musy-

ke/ & coude synge veray well. but pa-
res passed in alle poyntes his felawe
Edward/ Not wythstondyng Ed-
ward was amorous al redy of a no-
ble lady of the courte of braban. But
parys as yet knewe nought of amo-
rouste: but not longe after Ven^{us} the
goddess of loue fyrzed his thought wþ
the hert vnto a noble yong lady/ that
is to wete the fayre vyene the daul-
phyns daughter of Vyennors. that
was his yegelord. & the more he gro-
wed toward hys flouryng aage the
more he was espyed & brennyng of
her loue for the grete beaute that was
in hyr. but parys thought euer in his
herte that his loue was not wel lykli-
ne cordable. For he was not of so hy-
gh lygnage as the noble maydē vi-
ēne was of & therfore parys kept his
loue secrete that none sholde pceyue
if/ sauf Edward his trusty felawe to
whom he brake & shewed his coun-
ceyl/ And the fayre vyenne pceyued
not that parys was amorous of hyr
Nor parys also durst neyther shewe
nor say nothinge to hyr of hit. but the
more that he sawe hyr. the more gre-
we the fyre of loue within him self.



How parys and Edward hys fel-
lawe played wth diuers instrumēts
by myght to fore the chābre of vyēne

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that it
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Parys thenne & Edward with
one accorde dysposed the self
for to gyue somme melodious myr-
the to the noble mayde Vyenne and
wyth theyr mynscall instrumentes/
as recorderes: They yede by myght
tyl to gyder toward that pte of ff
castel/where as the fayre vyēne l
in hys chāmbre. and there they
ge full sweetely and sowned me-
ously theyr mynscal instrument
pypes. & certeyn the melodye of
songes. And the sowne of theyr i

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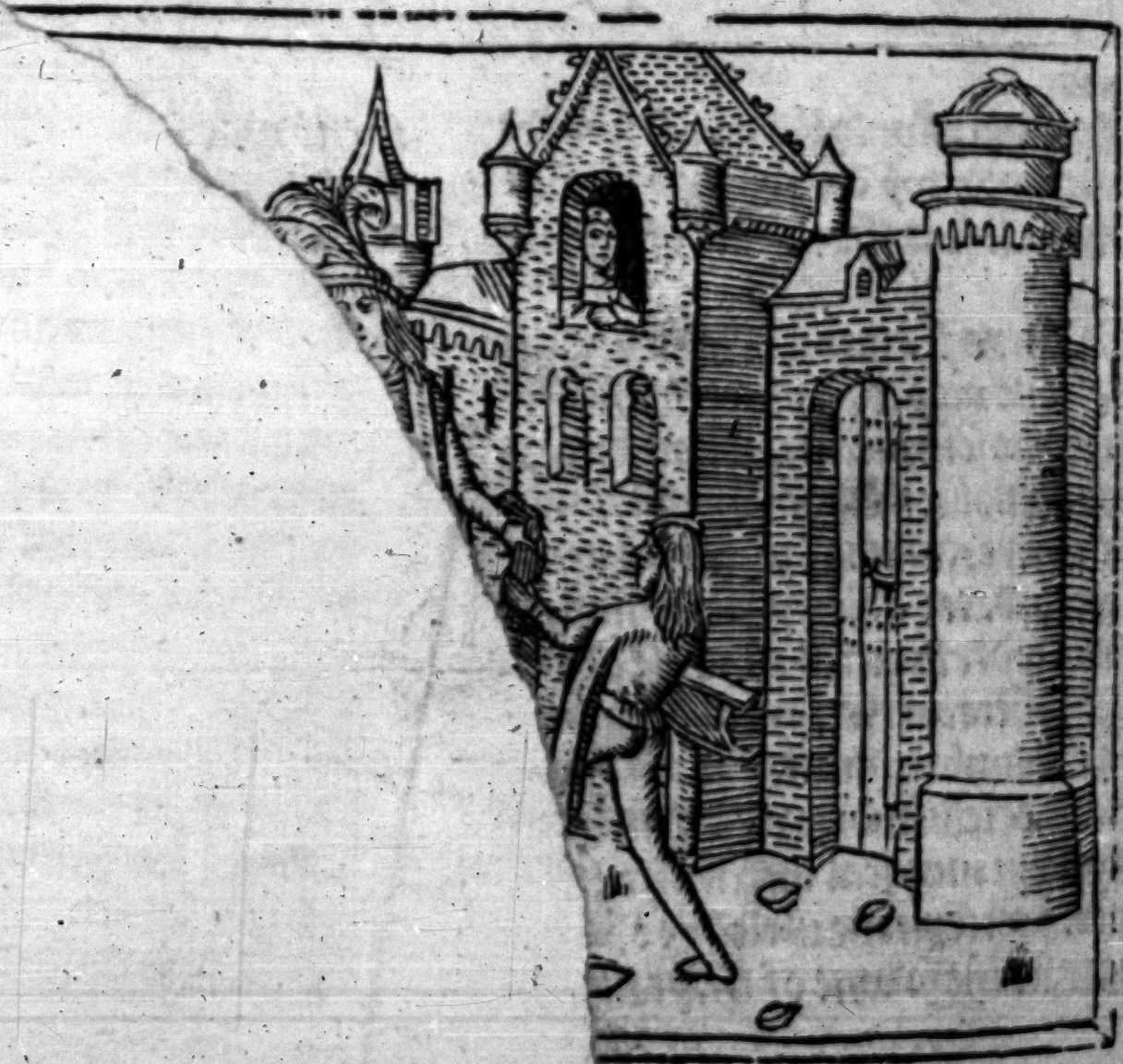
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in hys castel of vyenne. And whan
they were alle come they played and
sange in theyr best wyse: but among
them were not founde tho mynstrel-
les that the lord Dauphyn sought
fore. Wherof he was sorowfull and
desyred more to knowe what they
were than he dyd a fore. And whā
the fayre vyēne herde alle the myn-
strellys of the londe that sowned at
the feste. she sayd to Isabel hyr da-
moyzell and preyf felowe. By my
fayth swete systre/ these mynstrelles
playen nought to the regarde of thē
that were wonte to come before our
chambre/ and me displayseth moche
that I may not knowe thē: For cer-

teynly they come not hythir for no-
ught. for they loue outther yow or me.

How the Lord Dauphyn sent
.x. harneysed men to take Parys and
Edward/ there as they pleyden vpon
theyre instrumentes be fore the cha-
mbre of vyenne.



Whan the Daulphin vnder-
stode his daughters wordes
he wpylling to plaise hyr said
vnto hyr. that yf it were possyble: she
sholde knowe what they were that
soo sage every nyght before hyr cha-
bre. Wherfore he ordeyned. v. men of
armes: and commaunded them to
fynde them self pryuely there as the
sowne was herde/ and that they shold
bryng to him other by force or other
wyse the that made that swete me-
lodye/ Now came the night that the
twoo ynge knyghtes Parys and Ed-
ward that nothynge knewe of them.
bushment that was layed: for them
came with their instrumetes toward
the castel and there they began to syn-
ge and sownded theyr instrumetes so
melodiously that grete plaisir it was
to here/ and whan they had songe &
wolde haue retorned thyder as they
were come fro. The. v. knyghtes le-
fte and cam forth and sawe wed them
curtowsly/ sayeng that they nedes co-
me must wyth them for to speke wth
their lord the daulphyn/ Theñe sai-
de Parys to them. If ay lordes aby-
de a lytel whyle. yf yt playse yow and
of vs ye shall haue an answer. The-
ne wente Parys and edward a par-
te and spake to gyder. ye see sayz bro-
ther sayd parys to Edward in what
party we be now and I wold not
that ye shold haue by me ony displai-
sir nor harne. but soo mche I telle you
that or I shold suffre me to be ledde
to fore the daulphyn I had leuer des-

ye/ therfore sayz brother aduise we
what is best for to do/ and Edward he-
ryng parys wordes sayd/ Brother
myñ haue noo fere of no thyng and
lete vs doo as ye wyl. Then sayd they
to the. v. men of armes lordes thur-
gh your curtosye suffre vs to retor-
ne thyder as we came fro/ for we be
at my lord the daulphins playfir and
of alle the lordes and barons of hys
courte but in ony maner as for thys
tyme we may not fulfyll his coman-
dement.

How parys and Edward his fe-
lawe foughten ayens. v. harneysed
men: that wolde haue taken thaim.

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When the sayd / p. men of ar-
mes saw the twoo knightes
dysobeyssaunt / they answered
to them / ye shall now come to hym
other wyth your wylle or by force / &
began to pulle onte theyr swerdes &
came ayens the two yonge knyghtes
that naked were fro alle armes sauf
theyr swerdes and theyr bowclers.
wherwyth they couerd them: and so
manfully deffended their bodyes that
they hurte and wounded soze al the
ten armed men / i so moch that they
maad them all to voyde and flee fro
the place whether they wolde or not
and on the morowe erly the ten men
of armes came to fore the daulphyn

alle wounded and soze hurt / And
they recopted to him how two yon-
ge men onely had arayed them so &
how they nedes must flee for fere of
their liues. wherof the daulphi was
right angry to see the so soze hurt and
took grete displayre of it. and thought
wel that the sayd two yonge knightes
were of grete strengthe & vtrue: wher-
fore he made an hundred men to be
redy for to espye & take the the night
folowynge yf they came ageyn char-
gynge that none hurte sholde be doo
to the: but after their songe doon they
shold be brought vnto him. but this
enterpryse came to none effect. for the
two yonge knightes came not ageyn

but keppe alle that they had doon se-
crete/ whā the fayr viēne sawe that
she might not knowe what these mi-
strellys were: she thought that they
were somme grete lordes that were
amorous of hyr: & she ad hyr damois-
sel ysabel spake of none other thyng
than of these mynstrelles & had gre-
te plaisir to talke of them: Parys se-
yng he durst not saye nor shewe the
grete loue that he had to the fayr vy-
enne/ thought he wold hyde his cour-
rage from hyr/ wherfore he took ac-
queyntaūce with the bisschop of saint
Laurēce. the whiche lerned hym hos-
ly scripture. The daulphyn thē se-
yng his doughter full tryste and pen-
syful for this that she might not knowe
the sayd mynstrelles that so melo-
dyously played tofore hyr chābre. he
ordeyned a ioustyng place wythi his
cyte of viēne/ & made lystes & scaffol-
des to be sette vp/ & sente his heraul-
des in fraūce in Englōd/ & in normā-
die to annoūce & shewe vnto all kni-
ghtes & gentylmē that wold doo fai-
tes of armes & of cheualrye for lone
of all ladyes & damoyelles/ that the
ioustes shold be holdē the fyrst day of
may/ in the cyte of vyenne. And he
that shold doo best i armes. shold ha-
ue of the daulphis doughter a sheld
of cristall of grete valeur/ & a garlōd
wth roses & floures of fyn golde. ad
wete ye wel that vyēne the noble ad
fayre maye was right glad of the
ioustes that hyr fader ordeyned for
hyr sake. For grete talēt & desire she
had to knowe hi that was so ames

rous of hyr. ad she thought he wold
be at the sayd fyrst day of may at vi-
enne. After the messagers that had
pronounced the ioustes were comē
ageyn to the cyte of vienne/ the most
parte of the knightes & gentylmē of
the Roiaume of Fraūce of Englōd
and of normandie made thē redy for
to come to the Cyte of vyenne to the
sayd ioustes. And in especyal many
noble barons of the roiaume of En-
glond/ & of fraūce that amorous we-
re of the fayr vyenne of the renomēe
of hyr grete beaute. came to the sayd
ioustes wyth ryche ad noble arape.
among whome was Johan duc of
bourbon. neww to the king of fraū-
ce/ Edward the kinges sone of En-
glond/ atony sone to the sone to ther-
le of puēce. Gerard the marquys so-
ne of moūtferat: & wyllm sone to the
duc of Carnes: Parys then knowig
this noble assemble & the ioustes that
shold be the fyrst day of may/ thoug-
ht i hē self whether he shold goo thys
der or not/ but the grete loue that he
had to the fayr vienne constrayned
hi therto. Neuertheles he toke coun-
ceyl of Edward his felawe. the whi-
che answered to him/ yf ye goo I wil
holde yow companye thysder. but we
muste departe secretly/ that we be
not known And anone they made
redy their harnoyes/ & pourueyed thei
of good horses whiche they harney-
sed al i whyt/ & none other tokē they
had on thē wher bi thei might be kn-
owē sauf that they were araided al i
whit/ & one like that other. the day of

the yowtes theſe approached and all
the lordes and barons afore ſayd cā
two dayes before the feſte to the Cy-
te of vyēne where the daulphyn for
loue of them dyd doo make a noble
ſcaffold where as the fayre vyenne
was rycheſely arayed. and al that ſa-
we hyr were a meruailled of hir gre-
te beaute. To that feſte cam many
knyghtes and ſquyers clothed & ara-
yed rycheſely after the guyſe of theyr
countree. and there were many myn-
ſtrellys playeng vpon alle maner in-
ſtrumetes: and many good ſpynars
whych the noble mayde vyenne her-
kened ful well. For hyr hert was o-
nely ſette to thynke how ſhe myght

knowe hym that was her lover. pa-
rys came thenne thyder and was or-
dained for to ſerue at the daulphyns
table where vyenne ſatte. & wete ye
wel that ful graciously and curioſly
he ſerued and kerued before hyr.

How Paris gate the prys of the
yowtes in the cyte of vyēne



When the day was come that the lordes knyghtes and gentyl men shold iouste for loue of the ladies / Parys and Edward yede to a secrete place where they armed them secretly: and syn came to thelystes with theyr badges and tokens / and were horsed & armed fully richely ad well. Alle other knyghtes there were known by theyr armes but the twoo whyt knyghtes were unknown. The daulphyn theñe commaunded that euery one shold mustre or the ioustyng began along the felde tofore the ladies & damoyelles: & soo they mostred tydynge tofore the scaffold of the fayre vyene. & were so nobly and richely armed & arayed: & so godely men they were that euery one said / the floure of knyghthode may now be seē in this place / Amonge al other princes edward of Englonde was moost amercous of al & right renommed in armes The pucelle vyenne seeyng alle these noble knyghtes. sayd to hyr damoisel ysabel / Fayr syster whiche of them al thinke yow that moost dooth for the loue of me / & ysabel answered / honorable lady: me semeth he that bereth thelyon of gold in hys armes / dooth more for your loue thā the other Certes sayde vyenne ponder two whit knyghtes that bere non armes i their sheldes are more to my fantasye / thā any of the other alwaye / we shal see now what they can doo Theñe were the knyghtes redy to do fayte of arms

mes And fyrst an hardy & vailliant knight that bare i his armes a crowne of gold bygan the fyrst cours / ad ayens hym rāne the good knight edward parys felawe: and recoitred eche other so vygorously that they brake bothe their speres. many other mette eche other sodaynlye gyuyng grete strokes. somme were owerthrowen to the erthe & some brake theyr speres worthely & kept their sterops ryght vaillyantly / the other recoitred eche other so manifestly that bothe hors & mā were caste to the ground. For euery mā dyd his best to gette worship there. Edward the kiges sone of Englonde bare him ful wel & had the better vpon many a knight there / But the strong knyght parys broched his hors toward him / and mette him so vygorously that at the ende he ouerthrewe him ad had the better of hym wherof he gate grete worship ad was moche praysed for his grete prowesse / This ioustyng lasted tyl souper tyme / ad whan the euen cam many of the were wery of the ioustes & rested the / but paris dyd thenne more of armes shewyng his meruayllous prowesse than he had doon of al that day / in somoche that non durst approche him ne withstōde his appertyse in armes. & so moch he dyd that thonour and prys of the ioustes rested and abode in him that day.



How the shede of cristal & the gar-
lond wyth fioures of gold were ye-
uen to Parys. As to the best doer in
faytes of armes

The feste ended: grete whor-
shipp and loenge abode to the
two knyghtes wth the whit
armes: And Parys was ledde vn-
to the scaffold/there as vyenne was
the whychedelyuerd/ hym the sheld
of crystal and the garlond wth fiou-
res of golde/that she helde in hyr hōde
And theñe parys with Edward hys
felawe departed/ thens in the secre-
test wyse that they coude and wēte
to vnarme them to the place where
they fyrst armed them self/ The ba-

rons and knyghtes that were there
spake wel of the prowesse and of che-
ualrye of the knyghtes wth the whyt
armes. so that the daulphyn & the o-
ther grete lordes had grete desyre to
knowe what they were and to haue
their acqueyntaūce/ but they deyled
so secretli fro the felde that no mā kne-
we where they were become/ nor
what waye they toke

After all thys was thus doon/ the
knyghtes retorned into theyr coun-
trees spekyng euer of the ryall feste/
and chere that the daulphin had doon
to the/ & of the prowesse of the whyt
knyghtes/ & of the right souerayn be-
aute & noblesse of vyenne: and in the

men whyle there moened a stryf be-
twypte the barons and knightes of
fraunce & of england. for some were
there that were amero^r of the daug-
hter of the duc of Normadie/ & some
were that loued/ & bare oute the be-
aute of the syster of the kynge of En-
gland. sayeng she was fayrer thene
vyene was/ & other were there that
helde cōtecarpe oppynyō sayeng that
the Daulphyns daughter vyene pas-
sed in beaute al other wymme in the
worlde: & for thys reason was grete
debate & stryf betwyte the knightes
of fraunce & the of england for the be-
aute of these thre damoiselles.

Ever multiplyed/ & grewe more the
brynnt & the renōie of the daulphi bi
cause of the poustes and tournement
doon in his cite of vyene/ wherof he
had grete ioye/ for they had be so mo-
che honourable & plaisaūt to al knig-
htes. And vyene ever thought in hyr
self who might he be that had gotten
the worshipp & prys of the ioustes ad
sayd to ysabel/ Neuer truste me dere
sister but the knight to whō i haue ye-
ue the sheld of crystal & my garlōd is
he that so swetely sāge for the loue of
me tofore our chābre. for myn hert gi-
ueth it me/ & by my fayth syster he is
ful noble & worthy/ & in all his dedes
right curtois & gētil as we might ha-
ue seē whylere wherfor i say ion my
swete sister that in hī i haue putte the
rote of myn entpere herte: my wille &
al my loue: noz neuer i shal haue plai-
sire ioye vnto the time that i knowe
what he is/ for my loue is al hys. & of

what soo ever estate he be of i neuer
shal take myn herte fro hī. Thenē be-
gan she to wayle ad syghe for the los-
te of him ful tenderli. for tyll now she
had not felte the sparkles of loue that
sprāge out of hyr hert. but parys knewe
we nothing herof that she desired to
haue him & to knowe what he was
But he kepte hys loue secrete in hys
hert/ for he durst not shewe it vnto
hyr: wherfore he ledde his lyf i grete
tristesse & sorowe he wēt ever in the
felawship of the bissshop of saint laurē-
ce: & made semblaūce of nothing/ and
james the fader of paris that had seē
the noble feest & the ryall ioustes i the
cyte/ wenyng to hī that his sone pa-
rys had not ben there was full so-
ry: & had grete displaysir of it & said. say-
sone parys i am in a grete malēcolye
& in a thought for you that ye be not
so poeful ne mery as ye were wonte
to be. here afore time i sawe you ever
redy to the ioustes and to all maner
faytes of chyualerye for to gete ho-
nour. & i now see you al chaunged/
syn ye took acquyntaūce wyth this
bysshop/ for lothe i were to see you
by come a man of relygyon as i fe-
re he will brynge you to/ and right
wrothe i am that ye were not at that
noble and ryall tournement that
hath be holden in vyenne for the sa-
ke of all the ladies of thys lōde. wher-
fore dere sone i praye you to take he-
de to your self that ye lese not your go-
ode renomme. your worshipp ne the
praysyng alsoo that ye haue getyn
ad wounde afore time. And that ye

spende not your yongthe in ydelnesse
And paris heering all this answer
doo thing to his fader but abode
stille pensyfull thynking on the gret
beaute of vyenne

Now sayth this toye that as ye haue
herde aboue a grete stryf besyde as
mong the knyghtes afore sayd for the
loue of the iij. damoiselles a fore sayd
For the erles sone of flaundes was
gretely wrothe for this cause wth the
duc of breuue: & had beten & hurte
fore ech other so that non might ma-
ke the pees betwyte theym For ey-
ther of them mayntened & bare oute
the beaute of his lady: ¶ It happed
therne that fyue knyghtes hardi & va-
lyaunte came forth the whiche sayd
that they were redy to fyght and for
to proue by force of armes that flo-
rye the dukes donghter of normandy
was the fayrest damoiselle of all the
worlde/ And incontinent stert vp fy-
ue other knyghtes that sayd & mayn-
tened that Costance the kinges syster
of Englonde was the fayrest/ And
fortwith other v. knyghtes rose vp that
mayntened & vphelde the beaute of
vyenne aboue alle other wymmen i
the worlde i somoche that this deba-
te cam to the knowleche of the king
of Fraunce whiche sayd that he w^{ch}
myght growe a grete trouble ad dis-
corde among his barons & other lor-
des Soo sente he worde to them that
they shold come toward him. & that
he shold gyue suche a setee vpo their
stryf/ that they al shold be therof co-
tente. the whiche message plesed the

well and came alle toward him as
sone as they might And whan they
were come to fore the king they spak
ke of their stryf/ But anone the king
ordeyned a ioustes for the loue of the
sayd thre ladies/ & made his maunde-
met that they al shold come wth their
armes ad hors for to iouste the viij.
day of septebre in the Cyte of paris.
& they that shold do best in armes at
the day they shold haue the prys & the
worship of the feste and the lady: on
whos beaute thei helde whiche shold
be reputed & holde for the fayrest da-
moisel of alle the worlde/ The kyng
of Fraunce therne sente worde to the
fads of the forsayd thre ladies pra-
yeng them to come at the same feste.
& that eyther of them shold brynge
wth hym a p^{re}sente of rychesse the whi-
che the presentes shold be yene in the
worship of their thre donghters: to
the best doer in armes in toke of vic-
toye And thus the king of Englonde
fyrst sent for his syster Costance a
fayre crowne of gold alle sette with
perlys and precyous stones of grete
valeur/ The duc of Normandy for
loue of his donghter Floreye sente a
right fayre garlond sette wth diuers
perlys & p^{re}cious stones moche ryche
& of grete ex^{tr}imacion And the daul-
phyn for loue of his donghter vyenne
sente a moche ryche coler of gold all
enuyronned wth precyous stones
of dyuers colours/ the whiche was
worth a right grete tresour. ad these
thre Jewelles were deluyered to the
king of Fraunce/ The forsayd knyng

tes theñe made the redy & apparayl-
led all thiȝes accordyng to the iouſ-
tes. & i riche araye came al to the cyte
of parys. And wete ye well that in
fraunce was not seen afore that day
so grete noblesse of barons & knyghtes
as were there assembled for there we-
re the most hye princes & barons of
Englond of fraunce & of Normandy
and eyther of them dyd sette all hys
wytte and entendement to vpholde
and bere oute that they had purpos-
sed and sayd. and euery baron gaf
his lyuery that they shold be knowe
eche fro other. and the bynyt and re-
nomme was that my lady Constā-
ce shold haue thonour of that feste for
thys that many a fayre and hardy
knyght made them redy to maynte-
ne the quarelle of hyr beaute but ne-
uertheles eyther of these thre parties
hoped to haue the worsshyp of the fes-
te. & parys that was in vyene the ci-
te. and that wel knewe the grete ap-
parayle of this feste toke counceyll
of Edward his felawe. Whether he
shold goo to parys or not. And Ed-
ward counceylled hym to goo thyr-
der. so that he wente secretly. & sayde
yf ye goo thyrder secretly and yf god
gyue you grace that ye gete the wor-
sshyp of the feste grete wele & good
shal come to you therby. & yf ye goo
and be knowen the daulphyn & the
other lordes shal not preyse you so
moche as they shold yf ye were vn-
known for cause that ye be not of so
grete lygnage as they be. an other is

yf ye goo openly & that my lady vi-
enne happeth to haue thonour of the
feste bi your promesse. she shal noug-
ht be sette by. & sidering the other gre-
te lordes that shal be there proceding
your degree. & if she gete the worsshyp
of the feste by a knight vnknewe the
loue & honour shal growe the more i
hyr courage to ward hym that thus
hath doon for hyr sake. Wherefore I
couceyl you to goo thyrder in the most
secretest wyse that ye may. For my
truste is that ye shal gete grete wor-
sshyp there. & but yf ye goo truste me
I shal make my self redy to goo thyr-
der for you. For I wil be lothe to see
the beaute of my lady vyene to be re-
buked. At these wordes graunted pa-
rys to goo to the sayd iouſtes. & whā
he was redy and had all thiȝes ac-
cordyng to a noble knight. he deputed
i the secretest manere that he might
to ward the cyte of parys where as
the king of fraunce maad grete pr-
uysion of all maner metes & of all o-
ther thiȝes necessarie to suche a ry-
al feste. & in the myddes of the cyte of
parys he ordeyned the place where
the knyghtes shold iouste & dyd doo
make many fayre scaffoldees for the
ladyes & damoiselles to be sette on for
to beholde the ponytynge. Also he dyd
do make thre baners ful fayre & ryche
The first baner was whyt. & there
was wrytō vpo hit in letters so gold
Vyene daughter to my lord godfroy
of aleſon. daulphyn of vyenoy. The
secōde baner was rede. & was wrytō

theron in letteres of gold. Constaunce the kinges syster of england. The thyrde baner was whyt & in letteres of gold was wryton thereon Florpe doughter to the duc of normandye: & these. iij. baners were pyght vp at iij. cornes of the felde. and wete ye that so grete prees was there that the peple took theyr place vpon the scaffolde two dayes afore the feste for to see the grete peple and the fayr ordynaunce that there was

Whā it was so: that the lordes were redy of alle thynges that were necessarye/ and were depyted fro theyr countrees they assembled al at parys the viij. day of septembre. and neuer tofore was seen so grete a compaignie of nobles. For fro alle parties was comen grete cheualerye. the somme for to do armes: and the other for to see the feste/ whiche was moche sumptuous and noble/ & whan the day assigned came of the Ioustes/ On the mornynge erly he dyd doo sette these thre royaulx or yewels i the baners the whiche shone & resplēdisshed moche meruayllously for the nombre of perles and precyous stones that were in the baners. Now it shold be ouerlonge to recyte of the barons and of the knyghtes that were in that iourneye: For many were comen thider fro the Roiaume of spaigne of aragon and of many other countrees for to proue their strengthe and persones. and for to mayntene the barons that mayntened the thre ladies mar

ydens. Of whome we shal reherce of the pryncypallest here after the shorte test wyse we may. And whan it came in the mornynge that every man was armed & apparaylled in the felde/ and that the kyng of fraunce was sette in hys grete scaffolde/ and began to say al alo wde and moche meruayllously/ that alle the people myght here and vnderstonde. Knyghtes and barons that ben here for to do the fayrte of armes goo ye every che vnder that baner that he wil mayntene for the loue of hys lady/ and we gyue in commaundement that this felde be of loue and of courtoisie. as it to you apperteyneth/ how be it we wyl wel that eche of you doo vrayly auntly his armes and his chyualryes for that damoisell whiche he wyl mayntene: and he that shal wyne the felde shal haue the prys & thonour of the feste/ & that lady or damoisell shal be mainntened/ and allowed for the most fayrre damoysele of the world. & shal haue the prys & thonour of the of Englonde of Fraunce and of normandye. And that to this noo man be so hardy to gaynsay vpon the payne to lose hys lyf. And yet after this he sayd ye see here a fayrre crowne/ the whiche the quene of Fraunce hath ordeyned: to thende that it be delyuerd to the fader of the damoysele that shal haue the prys and honour of the felde and of the Ioustes/ and the knyght that shal gete the prys & thonour of the ioustes shal haue the iij. baners

and the thre Jewellys that ben in the
& commaunded that the baner of nor-
mandye shold fyrst make his mustre
& nexte the baner of Counstaunce/and
therie that of Wyenne
¶ And fyrst vnder the baner of nor-
mandye were they that folowe/that
is to wete Johā sone of therle of flā-
ders Phelip of bayvers neveu of the
kinge of fraunce. Edward sone of the
duke of Bourgoygne. Johan erle of
Armynack/ Balavo brother of the
marquys of Saluce: Geffroy duc of
pycardye. and after them came ma-
ny other wel armed & habyllled/ Af-
ter came the baner of Constaunce. the
whiche accompanied Johan sone of
the duc of bremeys/ Gastamōs of gas-
tamons of gastre brother of the erle
offoyes Anthonye alegre sone of the
duc of Larnes/ Later neveu of the
duc of bourgoigne/ The honourable
Johan of braban. Salamon de laun-
son brother of therle of the marcke/ &
after them came many other barons
and knyghtes And therie after ca-
me the baner of the sayr wyenne/ The
whiche accompanied Hughe sone
of the duc of bourbon. Edward sone
of the kinge of Englōd. Wylliam so-
ne of the duc of barry: Antonye sone
of the couēte of prounyce. Parys sone
of syr Jaques of wyenne: Dormādo of
monferant sone of the marquys. thre
sones of the duc of Larnes. Johā pe-
ryllous duc of Normandye. & after
them came many other barons and
knyghtes wel armed & wel horsed/

And whan the mustre was made/
every baner retorned in to his place/
which moche noble and metuaillo^s
thyng was it to see: and to byholde
the noblesse of barons & knyghtes soo
wel horsed and armed as they we-
re. and the daulphyn and syr Jaques
fader of paris were comen to see the
feste & the ioustes

¶ How parys wan the prys at the
joustes in the cyte of Parys.

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When then it came to the ho-
 ure of tperce began the ious-
 tes/ and cam into the felde
 moche nobly armed. Johan sone of
 therle of flaundres: ad ageyn him ca-
 me Johā sone of the duke of breuuez
 & coped to gyder so fyersly: that they
 brake theyr speres. and iohan sone of
 therle of flaundres tumbled to ther
 the vnder hys hors: & after ayest Joh-
 han de breuuez came Edward sone
 of the duke of bourgoyne These two
 knyghtes bete down puyssauntly johan
 de breuuez/ vnto the tyme that there
 came ayenst him Johan peryllo⁹ duc
 of normāde. whiche smote him wth
 so grete force that he ouerthrewe hi

vnder his hors & brake his arme ad
 put him in suche estate that he wist
 not whether it was day or night. ad
 ayenst Johan perillo⁹ came Antho-
 ny alegre sone of the duc of carues. &
 dyd so moche prowesse with his per-
 sone that he conquerd Johan peryl-
 lous and. v. other knyghtes myghty
 men of hys partye. whom he smote
 to the erthe by force of armes. ¶
 After came ageynst Anthony ale-
 gre Geffroy of pycardye: and smote
 Anthony alegre in suche wyse that
 he fyl to the erthe/ and. vi. other stro-
 ge knyghtes of his partye. ad after
 dyd soo meruayllous feates of ar-
 mes/ that euery mā sayd that he had

thouour of the felde And then came
the free knight parrys ayens geffroy
berynge lowe his spere / & they gaf so
grete strokes that the knyghtes & hors
es wente al to therthe / wherfore the
king sayd / that sythe bothe two we
re throwe to the erthe / that thei shol
de retorne ageyn to the ioustes. & pa
rys with a grete desyre consented / &
soo bothe retorned & came rennyng.
And parrys gaf to geffroy so grete a
stroke / that his hors fode and thei
geffroy ouerthrowe to the erthe. but
by cause that the hors fode / it was
sayd that the hors was cause that he
ouerthrowe. For moche they mayn
tened geffroy & sayd that he was not
vaynquysshed: & that it shold be wel
doon that they shold iouste ageyn / and
by cause that parrys was not knowe
ther was none that mayntened him
ne susteyned / neuertheles the king of
fraunce knewe wel that geffroy was
vaynquysshed / loyally and well For
he had wel seen the aduenture. and
wold do no wronge vnto the knight
whiche was of grete strenghte and
myght. & anone sente him an heraul
de whiche sarde to him in the name of
the kinge of fraunce / that the king had
wel seene & wel knowe that paris had
vaynquysshed his knyght / not with
standinge yf he wold yet ones retorne
to the iouste by his noblesse: that he
shold doo hi self grete honour / & then
parrys maad his answer sayenge that
the beaute of his lady wyene was so
grete that in al the worlde was none

to his lyke. that yf it pleased his kyng. he
was redy for to furnyshe the ioustes
for his loue ayens the knight an other
tyme / and to iouste tyl that geffroy
shold be vaynquysshed: & that was
wythoute ony gayn sayeng / & the he
raulde retorned & tolde it to the kyng
wherof the king was wel contente
and sayd that the knight ought to be
somme grete lord. for he was of gre
te valour & puissaunce & spake moche
swetely & curtosly. And after parrys
chaunged & took an other hors. whi
che Edward his felawe had / thade
redy for him and retorned to the iou
stes / & synote to gyder with soo grete
might: that by veray force Geffroy
went to the erthe vnder his hors ry
ght euyl hurte.

Then whan it canie toward euene
the ioustes were so grete thicke and
stronge / that alle the thre parties as
well of one as of other were throwe
doun to the erthe: that there abode no
moore of the partye of wyene but paris
allone: and of the partye of norman
dye thre knyghtes stronge & puissaunt
And they were Balayn Brother of
the Marquys of Saluces: Johan son
ne of the erle of Armynak / And phel
lyp of bayere / And of the partye of
Constaunce other thre stronge & mi
ghty / that is to wete Johan of brabant
Later newew of the duc of bourgoyne
& Salamon dalason Brother of the
counte de la marche: & they sayde that
the ioustes shold abyde tyl on the mor
ne: For they were moche wery and

whā parys saw that thei wold haue
retorned/ he fewtred his spere/ and
there cam ayest him balayn brother
of the marquys of saluces/ & parys at
the first stroke strake him down to the

erthe vnder hys hors/ & in lyke wise
dyde to the other. v. & moche nobly &
valyauntly he wanne thonour of the
ioustes & of the felde



How the kyng cōmaunded that the
thre baners wyth the thre jewellys/
shold be gyuen to Parys champpyon
of vyenne

He ioustes fynissshed. paris
wāne the beaute of thys la-
dy the fayre vyenne. and he
was ledde to the scaffolde: where as
the kinge was / & the other grete lor-
des & knyghtes. & there were delyue-
rid to him the thre baners & the thre
jewellys that were in them/ and pa-

rys shewed them thurgh all the fel-
de/ in signe that the sayd vyenne had
gotē thonour for to be the fayrest da-
moysel that was in alle the worlde/
by the same yōge knyght/ And whā
parys had the thre fayr baners and
the thre ryche jewellys/ He and Ed-
ward hys felawe departed owte of
the cyte of parys and oute of fraun-
ce: the moost secrete wyse that they
myght. and retourned in to daulph-
ne/ Parys retorned into the compa-

panye of the forsaide bishhop of saint laurence. as he hadde not been at the feste: & alway he demaunded tidings of the ioustes that were made in fraunce. and who hadde thonour of the ioustes

Whā the feste was made all the barons & knyghtes that were there hadde grete desyre to knowe. who was he that so vaylliauntly and so nobly hadde wonne the pournepe and the honour of the ioustes for to doo to him worship. but they coude neuer knowe hit. wherof they hadde grete displaier. and said that the knyght was of grete wisdom: by cause he wolde not be known. And after this the barons and knyghtes took leue of the kynge. and retorned into their lordes al discomforted: by cause they had not gotte the honour of the feste. and yet were they more angry bi cause they knewe not to whome the honour was gyuen of the feste ne of the ioustes. The kynge of fraunce whiche moche loued the daulphin made to him grete feste & moche grete honour. And the king deliuered to him the crowne that the quene hadde gyuen for to gyue to hyr that shold haue the honour of the ioustes. to thende that he sholde gyue hit vnto his daughter vyenne in sygne & toke that she was the most fair damoiselle of the world. and whā al this was doo. the dolfyn & the fader of paris retorned into the dolfyne i moche grete honour & grete ioye. Whā vyenne knewe that hyr fader came

she came and mette him as she was accustomed. Then whā the daulphin sawe hyr. he kyssed hyr & sette on her hede the crowne which the king hadde gyuen him. & told to hyr how she hadde gotten thonour for to be the most fayrest damoyzell of the world. & loo here is the fayre crowne that the quene of fraunce sedeth to you in toke that ye haue gotte the honour. Notwithstanding fayr daughter. that ye haue hadde many contrarie therto. but ye haue hadde a good deffendour & ryght stronge and hath wel quytte him in your nede. For of eche partye were abyden thre knyghtes moche stronge & puissaunte. and on your partye was left but one knyght onely whiche vayne quytte all the other. without any token. & is deputed alle secretly that no mā knewe him. ne the king of fraunce hath no knowleche of him. but he hath borne awaye with him the thre baners & the iij. jewells that were in them. and also the pris & thonour of the feste. wherfore swete and fayr doughtere: ye wote neuer to whō to gyue thākinges of so moche honour. as hath be don for you. but ye praye to god of heuen and to the glorious vyrgyn marye. that it playse him to gyue to him good & honour. ioye and excellence. & in alle his faytes victorie. lyke as he is chref & hede of alle honour and of al cheualerie in this world. For i neuer sawe ne herde of knyght that so graciously and so curiously bare him in his armes & in his

chynualryes/ and whā vyenne herd
speke of these tydinges. and sawe the
grete honour & pryse that she had got
ten and al was comen by this noble
knyght/ she sayde to ysabeau hyr da
moyzell. My syster sayd I not to you
wel but late. that I was byloured by
the moost noble and vayliaunt kny
ght of fraunce. & bi my fayth my swe
te suster: this is he that so sweetely so
ge & that wanne the yowstes in this
cyte/ & bare wth him the shelde of cris
tal & my garlonde. & went his waye
so that noo man might knowe hym
Aduise you wel sayr syster what ho
nour is comen to me by his prowesse
& by hys bounte. I may wel be sozr &
dolant/ whan i may not knowe who
he is/ & myn herte is moch heuy and
myn entendement that i neuer can fynd
de the moyen to see & knowe him. and
yet she sayd Certes my swete suster
ysabeau i beleue that my dayes be shor
te. & that i shal deye of somme cru
el and fals dethe/ for the grete displa
ysir that I haue continuelli in my hert
For i can none other thyng doo but
wepe & waylle/ & alle waye to conty
nue in sorowfull lyf & heuy/ but none
appceyued it but onely hyr damoy
zell ysabeau

The fader of paris whiche had ben
with the daulphyn in that feste had
not seen there hys sone parys/ wher
of he had grete sorowe in his herte.
For he had seen that he was acustos
med to be in al noble ioustes/ but the
ne he sawe him goo with the bisskop

of saint laurence: & disposed him not to
doo armes as he was wonted: wher
for he sayd to him on a day: My sone
i had hoped to haue had in the gre
te solacio/ but nou thou bryngeest me
into grete heuynesse & displaysir. whā
i see that thou wilt not departe from
thys bisskop. wherfore I praye the
that thou leue hi: & do so that it may
be to me playsaunt & to the honnest
Parys herde him wel. but he gaf not
a word to answer. The fader of paris
seyng this wete to his secreete felawe
Edward & said to hi/ I see well that
the grete amytie & loue that ye haue
to my sone & knowe ye for certai that
I haue in my hert grete melancolye
whā i remembre that parys hath had
grete honour & fame of chynualrye. &
now i see that he gooth al wth this bis
shop. & leteth his hawkes his houndes
& hors to deye for hogre. wherfore I
praye you that ye will gyue me some
couceyl: which am so meschaunt that
i deye for sorowe. & whā he had sayd
these wordes/ Edward had pyte of hi
& confortyd hi the beste wyse he coude
& departed fro him & wete straye to
his felawe Parys & sayd to hym: I
knowe wel that loue astrayneth the
so strongly. that thou hast no power
ouer thy self/ wherfore thy lyf may
not longe endure And also thy fader
and thy frendes ben euyl cōtente ag
enst the. and i saye to the that for to
be vtiuo? & vayliaunt it playseth moch
to god/ & for the loue of one woman
thou doost moch displaysir to thy fa

der. And also for noo persone what
somerue he or she be/ thow oughtest
not to lese the wele & renomme that
thou hast of chynalerye. It appyret
not in the. that thou hast ony vertue/
or courage/ wherfore i prae the that
thou wylt do some thing that it may
be playsaunt to thy fader/ which hath
desyred & prayed me that I shold soo
say to the. Whan parys had herd al
thys: he answered & sayd to hi I know
we wel that these thynges that thou
hast sayd to me be vertuous & ho-
nest/ but thei been to me greuous. for
to put me from the thoughtes in the
whych I am cōtynuely. Neuerthe-
les i praye the that thou gyue me co-
unceyl what is beste that i doo Then
sayd edward it shold wel playse me
yf it were thy playsir that we sholde
goo into brabandy: For it is vij. mo-
nethes passed that I haue not seen
my lady. & there shall we do armes/
by whych we may gete fame & ho-
nour/ & parys agreed therto / sayeng
that he was contente if it playsed hi
so to do. and incontynēt they made res-
dy theyr harnoyes and horses/ and
alle thynges necessarye to them: and
or parys departed he put in his chā-
bre alle the thynges and prysses that
he had wonne by cheualryes. and clo-
sed them fast in hys chambze/ & deli-
uerd the keye to his moder. and pra-
yed hyr moche derly: that she shold
not open yt/ ne suffre that ony perso-
ne shold etre therin. And after they
wente toward Brabandy. where as

they dyd grete feates of Cheualerie
& ioustes/ wherof they gate grete ho-
noure and worshyp/ and were mo-
che praysed of ladyes and damoy-
selles/ And parys made cōtenaun-
ce for to haue abyden in brabandy for
the loue of edward. but his herte dre-
we vnto the fayre vyenne/ whome
he so moch loued in his herte secretly

C How Dyane and vyenne hyr
doughter wenten to vysite the fader
of Parys/ the whych was seek



Now it happened that during this tyme that Parys & Edward duelled in Brabandy: the fader of parys fyl in to a sekenesse of feures or accesse. And the cause came of the thought that he had of hys sone parys. And he beyng seek / the daulphyn wente on a day to see him and demaunded the cause of his maladye. and confortedy him the best wyse that he coude. and after retornedy home / & saydy to his wyf / that it were wel doon that she shold goo see ad vpyte messyre jaques: whiche was seke. & forthwith incōtinent my lady diane. hys daughter vyene & ysebeau hys damoisell wth a grete companye

wēte to the castel of syr jaques / and salewed hym moche nobly as it wel apperteyned. and the best wyse that they myght. And whan they were in the chābre where messyre Jaques was ad laye / Dame dyane demaunded him of his sekenesse. and messyre jaques said that all his dysease came for his sone paris / by cause he losse so hys time / ad that he went alway wth the bissshop of saint laurece. wherof i fere me that he shal become a man of relygion / I haue no moo chylde but him / I wote not what i shal doo wth the goodes that god hath gyuen to me. and my lady diane confortedy hi. and sayd that hys sone was moche

wel beloude of the dailphyn/ & that
he had moche grete anyte of many
grete lordes barons and knyghtes. &
also she sayd that among alle thynges
he shold ordeyn for his helthe/ &
after al this: the moder of paris pra-
yed hyr that it might please hyr to co-
me see the castell: and she answerd
that she moche desired it/ Therne the
moder of paris shewed hyr al the cas-
tel: & ledde hyr into an halle all ful of
armes and abylemets of warre/ for
to fight in bataill. After she ladde hir
ito an other hall where as were ma-
ny hawkes/ faulcons & many other
fowles of chace. and after in to ma-
ny other halles & chambres ryche-
ly arrayed/ which were ouer longe to re-
herce. And after the moder of paris
shewed vnto hyr the chambre of paris
where that he slepte. Wherin were
many habillements/ which shold wel
suffyce the chambre of a grete pryncce/ and
in the same chambre were two grete
standards couered after the guyse of
fraunce. That one was full of clothe
of goolde & sylke: & that other of har-
nysses & of other many thynges. Then
sayde vyene to ysabeau/ bi my fayth
syste I haue no grete meruaile
of this yonge knyght paris though
of him be maade grete meynynge. For
thordynnaunce of these thynges she we
wel that he is of grete valure. and in
beholdyng of these thynges she sawe
a couerture of an hors alle whyte: &
hyr semed that it was the same that
the knyght bare that wane the prync

of the loustes that was made in the
cyste of vyenne/ and that had the
shelde of crystal: & the garland why-
che she tolde to ysabeau. & ysabeau as
werd to hyr/ neuer thinke ye soo/ for
alle day been made semblable couer-
tures and tokenes whyte: wherof ye
may wel be deceyued. And vyenne
enforced allewaye hyr selff to take
better hede. and of the grete ioye that
she had she sayd to hir moder Alada-
me I am a lyttil crased/ & sodaynly ta-
ken. wherfore if it playse you I wold
fayne reste a lytel in this chambre: &
late me be alle allone wyth my syster
ysabeau/ For I wil haue none other
and anone eche body auoyded owte
of the chambre: & ysabeau dyd shyt
te the doze that none might come in.

Therne sayd vyenne: now we shall
see yf we may fynde ony thyng that
we may haue better knowleche of
for myn herte sayth yes. After that
they had serched/ and vpsyted alle
the chambre: they cam on a syde of
the chambre where they fonde a ly-
tel doze: of whiche henge a lytel keye
by a thwage/ and anone they opene-
d the doze and entred therein/ And
there was a lytel chambre whyche
was vij. foot longe. and was an ora-
toyre. where as was the mageste of
our Lord Ihesu cryst vpon a lytell
aulter. & at eche corner was a candel-
styeke of siluer/ and thyder cam paris
for to make his sacrefyce whan he
arose/ & whan he wete to his bedde.

And there were the thre baners that
the noble knyght parys had wonne
in the cyte of Parys/ and the thre je-
wellys of the thre damoyelles afore
sayde And in the same place was al-
so the sheld of Crystal & the garlond
that Vyene delynerd to him: whā he
wanne the prys at the ioustes in cy-
te of Vyenne/ And alle these he kep-
te secreete in that place/ And whā vi-
enne sawe these thinges. she was su-
re that parys was he whom she had
so moche desired to knowe: & that so
moche honour had doon to hyr. and
for the grete iove that she had. she set-
te hyr dou on the groude. & there abo-
de a grete whyle & coude not speke a
word/ and after she spake to Isabeau
and sayde. My swete syster/ blessyd
and preysed be our lord of this good
journey. For me thiketh I shold ne-
uer departe oute of thys chambze. A
alas I haue so lōge abyden to knowe
who he was that so swetely played
in his instrumētes so nygh vnto me
and now he is so ferre. & theñe ysa-
beau began to reprene hyr and said to
hyr. Swete lady I praye you that ye
say ne do ony thig which might tor-
ne you to folwe/ & be ye ruled by wise-
dom & reason For notwithstanding
that parys haue so moche good and
vertues. yet ye ought to cōsyder that
he is not egal to you in lygnage ne in
estate/ For I knowe wel that many
noble & purffaūt lordes haue deman-
ded you in mariage: & loue you and do
grete tging. for you. & also thonour

of parys whiche is your vassal and
subget is not egal ne worthy vnto
you/ ¶ Theñe vyene was moche an-
gry on ysabeau/ & began to say. A ve-
ray god I am well discomforted by
the. that thus agayn sayest me of hi/
that I so longe haue desyred to kno-
we. Alas I haue supposed that in no-
thing ye wold haue display sed me:
and in good fayth I sayde to the that
this man I wil loue and demaunde
and I pmyse the in good fayth that
yf thou ony more gaynsay me I shall
slee my self/ and theñe thou shalt be
cause of my deth/ For I wil not lese
him that I haue so lōge loued But I
say to the for trouth that if thou euer
say to me suche wordes of my frende
paris. that thou shalt neuer after ha-
ue space to say them ageyn an other
time: for thou considerest wel his no-
ble cōdicys & acustomes/ thou shol-
dest preysse hym better thā thou doost
& knowest not thou wel that the kig
of fraunce wold that it had coste hym
half hys royaume that hys sone Lo-
wys were as vassal as parys is
And also there be many notable lor-
des that desyre to knowe his name/
and to haue hys amytie
Theñe take hede and byholde by my
fayth: yf euer thou sawe man that
myght be compared to him. certayn-
ly alle vertues been in hym/ and sy-
the that fortune hath brought me to
hys loue/ he is worthy to haue my
loue. and yet more than is in me and
haue I not reason and cause theñe

to loue him/ whiche hath doon to me
so grete good & honour. & doubtyng
noo peryl of his pson. & is it not well
grete worsshyp to my fader / to haue
for vaissal & subget the beste knyght
that is in al the world. For in all the
world is noo knight that i wolde for
sake parys fore: ne one that hath doo
so moche for me. And thus to speke
of the feates of parys she coude not
stunte. Thene came two damoyseles
knockyng at the chābre dore say-
yng. Vyene ye must come to my las-
dy. And ysabeau sprang oute sayyng
that she sholde come anone. And vi-
enne seyng that she must nedes depte
fro thens sayd to ysabeau My suster
syth we must depte hens. late vs ta-
ke somme of these jewellys. and we
shal kepe them secretly. tyl that paris
be comen and we shal see what cō-
tenaūce he shal make in him self.

Thene they took the colyer and the
whyte baner of vyenne and other ie-
wellys & hydde the vnder theyr clo-
thes. & wente into the chābre of mes-
syr Jaques: But vyenne desydered
gretly to speke with paris & thought
loge or he came home. & in the mene
whyle messyre jaques recouerd of
his maladye & bycam all hool wher
of vyene had grete ioye. but she durst
not shewe it. ¶ How parys and Ed-
ward retorned oute of brabandy

After certayn tyme that Pa-
rys had be in Brabandy wth
his felawe Edward he des-

syred strongly to see the fayr vyene
For the loue of hyr destrayned hym
moche strōgeli. Neuertheles he durst
not telle it to his felowe / to thede that
he shold take noo displaysir of his de-
partyng. And sone after the space of
v. dayes parys receyued a letter that
his fader was seek. & thenne he sayd
to Edward. Ryght dere brother and
felawe. plesith it you to wete that mi
fader is fore seek. and me semeth hit
were good that we departed yf ye
consente. but I praye you that ye ta-
ke noo displaysir in thys departyng
for yf it playse good we shal sone re-
torne. And edward seyng the iuste
reason of parys and his good wylle:
sayd to him that he was wel cōtent
& plesyd. Wherfore incontynēte they
departed oute of Brabandy and ca-
me into the cite of vyene. of whos co-
myng messyr jaques had souterayn
plaisir / specially bycause he had herde
that parys his sone had doo valyaūt
li feates of armes. Now it happed
that whā parys was arriued at ho-
me wth his fader like as he was acuf-
tomed. alle way tofore or he wete to
his bedde. he wete to make his oroi-
sons & prayers. & after he aduised if
he lacked any thinge. & fode that tho-
thiges that he loued beste were take
awaye / wherof he was moche anari
& as half in despair: in such wise that
all the nyght he coude not slepe: and
whā it cam in the mornynge he came
to his mod & sayd. Moder how is it
y^f ye haue not kepte my chābre cloos

and shytte/ For I lacke certayn thinges whiche I wold not gladly lese/ & haue for them grete dysplayse/ To whom his moder answered Alas sone by my fayth/ there neuer entred thes in persone. but on a tyme whā your fader was seek/ came my lady diane and hir doughter Vyene/ and whā they had vysited your fader: they wēte al aboute for to see this castel. and therē they entred in to your chābze/ But I can not thynke that they took any thing for they tarped not longe Sauf onely vyenne whiche tarped onely allosn sauf hyr damoisel. bi cause she was enyght at ease at hyr hert/ wherfore mi dere sone parys I praye you to take noo displayse. And then parys sayd to hym self. yf none othert theef haue taken it sauf she/ I shal not be dyscouerd. Neuertheles I wote neuer yf vyenne hath taken it awaye. for any thinge ¶ And after he arrayed him self and cladde him moche nobly/ & wente to do the reuerence to the Daulphin and to dame Dyane. And after to vyenne their doughter and the daulphyn receyued hym moche curtoisly. & the daulphyn demaunded him tydinges and of many other thinges. And whā the fayr lady vienne sawe parys of the grete desyre/ that she had to see hym. & of the grete loue that she bare to him: alle hyr chere was coloured like a fresshe rose in the month of maye/ and coude not be contente ne fylled to beholde hyr fayre loue & frende parys: And

the more she behelde hym: the more grewe & entreated hyr loue toward hym: and parys beyng tofore the daulphyn on hys knee moche humbly: durst not loke on vyenne But in hys herte he had grete paine. & who had wel beholde hym/ had wel seen in his vyage hys thought And after that the daulphyn had demaunded him of that it plased him/ Parys took leue of the daulphyn: and of my lady diane. & of vyenne their doughter. & returned home to his faders hous. After a fewe dayes Vyene in suche wyse as loue destrayned hyr sayd to hyr damoisel ysabeau/ my syster knowe ye for trouth that me semeth that parys is moche pēsyf/ & I beleue that it is for his thinges whych he syndest not in his oratorie. me semeth it is beste that we lete him haue knowleche that we haue them. Isabeau answered/ it were wel doo soo: but that it be doo honestly & secretly: Then said vyenne. I shal aduise the maner After certayn dayes Vyene sayd to hys moder/ madame I lete you wete that I am a lytyl charged in my pseyce. & I wold fayn confesse me to somme good persone. and it is tolde to me that the bysshop of saint laurence is a moche honest mā & deuoute/ wherfore madame I pray you to sende for hi that I myght speke wth hi. & my lady dyane seeyng the good will of hyr doughter fete for to fetch the bysshop. And vienne pseyd hyr to himoche deuoutely speking alwaye of our lord & of

hys commaundementes/ and after
 that she was p̄fessyd. she prayed the
 bysshop that he wold come ageyn on
 the morne/ for she fonde grete cōforte
 in hys wordes: and that she wolde
 telle hym somme thynges in grete se-
 crete. And on the morne the bysshop
 came ageyn to v̄pene/ & v̄pene sayd
 to him thus My ghoostly fader some
 me thynges haue been taken a way
 in a place/ the whiche longen to pa-
 rys sone of messyre Jaques And the
 persone that hath them hath therof
 conscience/ And therfore I praye
 you as moche as I may. that by you
 it benygnyte ye say to him that if he
 may. he come to morne hyther wyth

you: & the bysshop whiche
 hym noo thing of thenter
 thought of v̄pene said he
 brynge hym wythoute fau-

¶ How the fayre v̄pene discour-
 herd hyr corage to parys



At the morne the bisschop ca-
me moche diligently & brow-
ghed parys with hym. And
galewed parys withoute to
make ony semblante of loue/ and pa-
rys rendred his salwes ageyn mo-
che humbly/ & then vienne withdre-
we hyr fro the bysshop & the other/ &
sayd to parys. It is not longe sythe ye
were goon in to braband/ & that i ac-
cōpanyed my lady my moder for to
goo vpsite your fader whiche theñe
was seek/ & we sawe & behelde al the
the castel vntyll we came to your or-
ratorye. and there i sawe certayn ie-
wellys whiche moche well pleased
me & i toke them & haue kepte them
vntyl this present tyme. and i shall
now rendre them to you ageyn. and
therfore i praye you that yf i haue
doon ony displaisir or maad ony de-
faulte that ye wil pardōne me. For i
pynse to you by my fayth that i ha-
ue doon it for noō euyl. To whome
parys answerd humbly & with grete
reuerēce & sayd mochy curtosly. mas-
dame by your courtoysye ye came to
vpsite my fader. of whiche visitaciō
not onely my fader. but alle our fren-
des haue receyued grete & fouerayn
honour: wherfore myn excellēt lady
My fader my moder and i been alle
yours/ & alle that we haue also And
yf by aduenture your ladyshyp had
ony playfir to take of my jewelles: i
ensure you by my fayth. that myn
hert hath therin moche greter play-
fir thā hert of man may thynke: and

yet more sholde haue yf the sayd Je-
wellys were better the half thā they
be/ Soo theñe i praye you ryght ho-
norable damoisel that ye wil pdōne
me For not all onely these jewelles
whiche been of lytel valewe but my
fader my moder and i beē all yours
and al redy to obeye to your seruyce/
and knowe ye verayli that it is not
longe sythen. that the sayd jewelles
were by a frenssh knyght gyuen to
me.

Thenne sayde Vienne ye nede not
to say to me fro whēs these jewelles
ben comen For i knowe thē as wel
as ye: And vyēne sayd i meruail-
le me gretly hou ye so lōge haue hyd-
de your loue fro me/ i praye you as
muche as i may/ & by the fayth that
ye haue toward me that ye say to me
the trouth of that whiche i shal de-
maūde you/ for moche i desire it to
knowe ¶ Thēne sayd Parys right
honorable damoysele/ ye ought not
to praye me. where ye haue power
to cōmaūde me. For alle that your
ladyshyp shal plese to demaūde me
i shal say to you the trouth with go-
ode hert & good wyll: Thēne sayde
vyēne i wil fyrst that ye say the tro-
uthe that if ye were he/ that in suche
a yere cam euery night syngyng and
sowmyng instrumentes soo swetely
tofore my chābre/ After i will that
ye telle me If ye wanne the ioustes y
were maade the fyrst daye of may in
this cyte And if ye bare awaye the
shelde of crystalle. and the chapelet

whiche I haue seen in your oratozpe
After I wil that ye say to me/ye wā
ne the ioustes the viij. of septembre/
whiche were made in the cyte of pa
rys/where as were soo many noble
knightes & baronis. & yf ye had gotē
there the thre baners whiche I haue
seen in your oratozpe/ & I praye you
that ye telle to me yf ye haue doon to
me suche seruyce. for such thinges ye
ought not to hyde. And by aduenture
ye haue doo them for the loue of my
fader or of hys courte: we be moche
holden to you & be boundē to thanke
you/and yf by aduenture for ony la
dy or for the loue of me ye haue doon
it/ I thanke you as moche as I may/
and it is wel reason that ye therfore
be rewarded: And yet sayd wyne
to parys: knowe ye for trouthe/ that
it is long sythe that I haue desyred to
knowe: & yet desyre strongly to know
we it. wherfore yf ye wil do me ony
playse: I praye you & ye say to me
trouthe/ without leuyng of ony oneli
thyng or word e.

Thenne sayd parys moche hūbly wth
grete shamesfastnes that he had to vt
ter the folpe that he had enterprysed
Ryght honourable & fayr lady I am
not worthy to be named him whiche
hath doon this/ whych it hath pleas
ed you to demaunde of me: but not
withstādyng that I be a man of ly
tylestate I hūbly supply you that in
caas ye shall fynde dysplayse in my
wordes that it playse you to pdonne
me/and that ye take noo displayse i

that I shal say/ for your noblesse shal
not be the lasse in valure. For my cas
as enforceth me to say that/ whych
is to me folpe to thinke/ Thenne paris
al shamesfast and in grete reuerence/
knelyng vpon his knee sayd Ryght
worshypful damoisel parys your in
digne seruaūt is he of whom ye ha
ue spoken & demaūded. & shal to you
obeye and serue in alle thinges that
ye haue demaūded me. For sythe
that I haue had ony remembraū
ce: my wille and my thought hath be
submysed to your noble persone/ and
shal be as longe as I shal lyue. Then
sayd wyne/ Parys my swete frēde.
it is not now tyme that I make as
wer to your wordes For it shold be
ouerlonge to recounte. But that not
withstādyng I wil wel that ye kno
we that your loue destrayneth me so
strongely/ that there is no thyng in
the worlde that I loue soo moche as
you/ wherfore abyde in goode hoope
iyouly: for if it playse god ye shall
see that thys whych I saye shall be
thre we/ Thenne sayd parys Ma da
me who may thynke the ioyouste in
whiche I am by your answer whiche
is to me ryght swete/ For I neuer
supposed to haue had so swete an as
wer of you: but for to haue endured
in payne & in languesshyng For not
onely to me. but vnto a king shold be
ouer moche to haue your loue/ and I
praye god that I may doo such thin
ges as may be to you playsaunt/ and
that I neuer lyue to do to you thinge

that shold desplayse you: ne tozneyou
to melancolye/ & thus departed that
one fro that other in gretter loue tha
to fore. & took terme to see eche other
ageyn as hastily as they myght: and
vyenne retorneed more popously tha
she shewed/ and wente into hyr cha
mbre. and after the bisschop deptyed/ and
parys accompayned him vnto his
palays. & took leue of him & retorneed
home into his faders loggynge/ & af
ter tolde to Edward his felowe alle
the parlement that he had with vye
enne. and Edward sayd to him. faire
brother and frende. here in is no ja
pe ne truffles/ but I praye you that
ye do your thynges secretly for there
ben many false tonges/ and vyenne
was moch more joyous tha she had
ben accustomed/ and parys also. and
the sayd paris and his felawe made
grete chynualtyes & dyd grete armes
whiche where moche playfult to the
fayre vyenne/ Therne it happed that
after certai tyme seying the daulphi
that his daughter was come to xv.
yere of age. treated for to gyue to hyr
an husbond: & many tymes he had
ben requyred of many noble princes
but by cause he had but hyr onely and
no moo sones ne daughters vnnethe
he wolde cōsente. and in treatyng th
of mariage Parys herde somme ty
dings wherof he was fore enpoyed
in hi self/ and thought/ Why thinke
not i to haue this noble lady. whiche
is so moche desyred of so many noble
princes & barons. & fore bewayled hi

self/ and dyde somoche that he spake
to vyenne: O swete and saye vyenne
Where is your saye and agreable p
messe that ye made to me whan i de
parted fro you and how may it be.
that your fader speke for to marie
you.

Whan vyenne herde parys speke
in this maner/ she sayd to him/ parys
yf my fader speke to me of mariage:
it is noo grete meruaylle. For i may
not deffende him. Neuertheles I ha
ue not consented to ony mariage/ and
ye knowe wel that mariage is noth
yng worth. wythout the consentynge
of bothe partyes. wherfore I praye
you to be cōtente. For I promyse to
you that I shall neuer haue man in
mariage but you/ and I wold that yf
sholde be shortly accomplyshed yf
yf pleased god/ honestly & iustly and
not in synne ne in ordure: Therefore i
wil that ye assaye one thinge: whiche
shal be moche diffycile to doo & right
peryllo: but neuertheles it by honeth
that it be doon/ theñe sayd parys/ ho
nourable lady that whiche shal play
se you to commaūde me: I shal acco
plysh it wif god hert though i shold
deye And theñe sayd vyenne: I will
that incontynēt ye say to your fader/
that he goo to my lord/ my fader. and
requyre hym that he gyue me in ma
riage to you. & that therin ther be no
deffaulte: And whā parys herde the
wylle and desyre of vyenne. he was
as al abasshed/ & sayd Right honou
rable lady & how/ wil ye that I deye

thus/ I praye you moche humbly/ yf
it please you. that it be not doo thus
Thenne vyene sayd sette ye so lytel by
me/ that ye will not enterpryse thys:
alas where is your entredement Cer-
tes it must nedes be doon. Incōtynēt
parys answered worshypfull lady/ sy-
the it playseth you/ I shal accōplysshe
your cōmaūdemēt though I shold
depe therfore an hondred thousand
tymes: & thus took leue of vyene and
wente to his fader incontynēt & sayd
to him Dere fader allewaye ye haue
shewed to me grete loue. wherfore I
beseech almighty god that he rewar-
de you lyke as I desyre Dere & honou-
rable fader I wolde praye you of one
thinge. & bycause it is doubtfuls I wil
that ye pmyse it to me tofore I say it
to you: for ellys I wil not say it vnto
you/ & his fader sayd to him My son
ne there is nothyng in the world that
I may doo for the: but I shal accōplis-
she it by the grace of god/ therfor say
to me thy plaisir & wille. & thenne Pa-
rys tolde to his fader a pte of the pry-
uete and promesse that he had wyth
vyenne/ bycause he shold with the
better wyll doo that: which he wold
requeyre him Then sayd paris to his
fader. the prayer that I praye & requi-
re you is. that it playse you to saye to
the daulphyn. that he gyue to me his
doughter to wyf and in mariage/ and
I humbly byseche you that herein ye
wil not faylle me. and messyre Jaques
hering hys sone thus speke. almoost
he was fro him self for the grete folie

that his sone paris hath sayd to him:
& he sayd in reprenyng him that he
neuer shold speke more of that fayte
for he wolde not deye for his doughter/
and that he sholde demaūde of hi
somme other thiges/ for it were gre-
te folie to speke to him of suche a thi-
ge. And parys sayd/ whorshypful fa-
der: as moche peryllous is it to me as
to you therfore I am abasshed thugh
ye reffused to doo it. But loue enfor-
ceth and constreyneth me so stronge-
ly that I am halff confuse: and am
as wel contēte that he do it not as to
doo it/ but that ye do your deuoir one-
ly: and so longe paris prayed his fa-
der that he pmyssed him to doo it

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¶ How messire Jaques demaūded
of the daulphyn his doughter vyene
in mariage for his sone paris



Then went messyre jaques
to the Daulphyn allechaun-
ged of colour and sayd to hi/
My ryght redoubted and souerayn
lorde a certayn queste is made to me
whiche I must say vnto you/the whi-
che me semeith is of passyng lytel res-
ason/and therfore it must be at your
mercy. and in caas ye fynde therin dis-
playe that ye pardonne me/ & to tas-
ke noo regard to my grete folye: The
daulphyn trustyng in the grete wise-
dom of messyre jaques graūted hym
to say what somener he wold/ Then
sayd messyre Jaques. Myn hye and
souerayn lord: Darys my sone hath
rayed me so moche that I shold re-

quyre of you vyenne your doughter
to be hys wyf. the whiche thyng is
not onely to say/ but also to thike gre-
te presumpcyon and grete folye/ but
the loue of my sone constrayneth me
soo strongly/ that biforce I must say
it to you. And sodaynly the daulphyn
was moued in grete felonny. and
wold not suffre him to eede his wor-
des. but repreued him moche hardly.
sayeng. Vylayne & vassal that thou
arte. how kepest thou my worshyp.
by god? I shal wel chastyse you/ that
ye shal neuer thinke suche thynges. &
commaūded hym that incontynent
he shold departe thens: and that ne-
uer he ne his sone shold come in hys

syght. wherfor messire jaques deputed
thes moche rebuked holdyng dou his
heedy: & retorned in to his hous / & tol-
de to hys sone Parys al that had be-
sayd & doon bytwene hi. & the dolphi
wherof paris thaked moche his fader.
The dolphin wete in grete thought
thurgh the palays hauing grete idig-
nacyō & alle angry in soo moche that
none durst speke to hi ne come in hys
way. And he beyng thus in this ma-
ner / he sente for his doughter vyene /
& made hir to come to him. & sayde to
hyr / Whe haue had wordes of grete
displayse. This vilayne messyre ja-
ques hath sayd to vs that we shold
giue you to wyf & i mariage to his so-
ne parys. Adurseye you what wysedō
it were / by god? or that I shold do it.
I wolde rather make you a none or a
menchon: & it shal not be longe to. but
that ye shal be hypely maryed: so that
ye shal holde you stente. & here I swe-
re to you / that if it were not for the
grete seruyces that he hath doō to me
incontinēt I shold do smite of his he-
de: & whā vyene sawe hyr fader i so
grete agre ayēst messyre jaques & his
sone. she sente to seche Edward for to
come speke to hyr / & whan edward
was come: vyene sayd to hi. edward
it is so: that my fader is moche angri
ayēst messyre jaques & ayēst paris
wherof I haue grete displayse & ha-
ue grete doubte that my fader wil do
somme harme to parys: & therfore I
wil that ye say to him. that he kepe hi
self in the most secretest wyse that he

may / & I shal also see the maner yf I
appease his felōnye & angre. Thenne
Edward incontinet took leue of vyene
& went & sayd to hi & sayd sayz bro-
ther. me semeth that it were good yf
ye departed oute of his countrey for
to absente you for a space of time / for
it may be that to the dolphyn shal lo-
ge endure hys agre. as I vnderstode
by that whiche vyenne hath sayd to
me: Then answered parys / sythe that
ye haue couceylled me soo. I shal do
so. not withstōdyng that it shal be to
me a sorouful & an heuy departyng
but er I departe I shal take leue of vi-
enne though I shold deye.

Thenne parys dyd soo moche that he
spake vnto vyene on a derke nyght /
at a lowe wyndowe. where as they
might wel say what thei wold. I am
certeyn sayd vyene that my fad hath
wille to hurte you: wherof I lyue in
grete melācolye. For in al the world
is no thinge that I loue so moche as
you. & if by aduenture ye deye I wil
not lyue / Thenne sayd parys / honou-
rable lady it semeth me beste that I de-
parte fro hens a certeyn tyme tyl my
lord your fader be more peased and
hath passed hys euill wille / how be
it. that it shal be to me a moche sorou-
ful thynge to withdraue me for you
For my lyf shal be moche heuy / Ne-
uertheles I shal accōplisse your wille
in alle that ye shall commaunde me /
what somener come therof. & vyene
seyng the good wille of parys after
many wordes she sayd to him / Pa-

rys my frende i knowe well the grete loue that ye bere to me. & sythe it so is. i swere to you by my sayth that ye shal neuer departe fro this cyte with oute that I goo wyth you. For it is my wille. wherfore assone as ye may make you redy for all thiges necessa- ry/ and fynde ye the maner that we may escape oute of the Royaulme of fraunce. and that we may goo in to some other lordshipp: where as we may lyue ioyously ad surely/ Neuer- theles tofore or we departe fro hens I wyl that ye promyse two thinges/ the fyrst is/ that ye touche not my bodi vnto the time that we be lawfully marryed/ The secōde is that ysabeau parte i al the goodes that we shal haue/ and other thinge wil I not as for this p̄sent time/ but that onely our de partynge may be shortly/ and I shal pourueye somme welles & money for our necessity. & al this parys pro- mysed to hyr/ and eche departed fro other for tādresse suche thinges as to thē shold be necessarye:

¶ Whan parys was deptyed fro vy- enne he wēte to a mā named george. & sayde to him/ George my frende al- waye I haue trusted in you: & haue alwaye loued you. wherfore i praye you now that to this that I shal saye you ye faylle me not. for I promise you ye shal not lese therby. & george promi- sed to him to doo al that shal be to hi possyble w̄y ryght goodly hert/ & then parys sayd to hi. knowe ye for certai that I haue wrath & rācour to a mā

of this toune for certai displaisir that he hath doon to me/ wherfore i wyl flee him. & incōtinēt as ye haue slayn hi i wil departe oute of the royaume of Fraunce. Wherfore my frende I praye you p̄ ye wil go to Arguesmoz- tes/ ad that ye there make redy a ga- leye furnished of al thiges necessarye tyll that we be arriued there. as we wold be/ And also I praye you that ye doo ordeyne fro hēs to arguesmoz- tes fro. v. myle. to. v. mile alwaye go- ode horses redy to thēde that we may surely refresshe vs yf it be nede. & also I wil that ye do this as secretly as ye may. & loo here is money ynough for to furnissh these sayd thiges George sayd/ i shal doo al this gladly/ & incō- tinēt made him redy. & whā he came to arguesmoztes he hyr redy a galeye/ & establisshed al the passages. ad dyd wel al that parys had charged hyr/ & came ageyn. & tolde to parys how he had pourueyed al p̄ he had char- ged him/ wherof parys was moche joyous. & anone parys wente & tol- de to vyēne that alle thinges that she had cōmaūded where doon/ & thene they cōcluded that the nexte nyght fo lowynge that a certayn houre ech of thē shold be redy: thene he took leue of hyr & wēte home: & bad george to take ij. horses out of his stable: & p̄ he shold saddle thē/ & abyde hi withoute the cyte i a certayn place tyl he shold come/ & Edward the felawe of paris wiste noo thinge of alle this/ wherof he was moche abasshed/ & meruayl- lously angry whā that he knewe it



How parys ladde awaye vyenne
and ysabeau by nyght

When paris was pourueyed
of money & of all other thyn-
ges beyng to the necessarpe
he wete allone the secretest wise that
he myght/and came to the place em-
prysed at the houre taken / & he made
a tokene whiche vyenne knewe / and
anone vyenne & ysabeau cladde them
in manes arape. & lepen oute of the cas-
tel by a fauce porte. and so came the-
se two damoisselles to the place whe-
re as parys was allone / whypche as
wayted vpon theyr comynge. & un-
continēt they departed & wet whe-
re as theyr horses were. whom they
took & rode as faste as they myght &
c. iij

george rode alway tofore bycause to
knowe wel the waye / & whyles thei
thus rode / aroos a storme wth a grete
rayne: whiche edured tyl on the morn-
ne at nyght. & theñe they arryued ni-
ghe vnto a lytell towne / but they en-
tred not by cause they wolde not be
known: and wete & lodged them in
a lytl chyrche nyght vnto the towne:
where they fonde a chapelayn whi-
che receyued them moche gladly the
best wyse he myght / and theñe whā
they nyght came. Parys and the cha-
pelain slepte in a lytel hous ioynyng
to the chyrche: George and parys
seruaunte slepten in the stable wth
the bestes And the fayr vyenne and
ysabeau slepten in the chyrche / and

in the mornynge erly they wete ligh-
tly to horsebac. and rode tyl they came
nyghe vnto a Ryuer: whiche was
rpsen hye by cause of the rayne that
had fallen/ Therne parys was mo-
che angry by cause he sawe wel that
it was moche peryllous: & sayd to ge-
orge/ that he shold seche and aduy-
se somme good place where thei mi-
ght passe ouer: and george wythdres-
we him a lytel fro the & chaas a pla-
ce whiche thought him good/ & took
the ryuer with his hors/ and whā he
was in the middes of the streame his
hors faylled him that he was drow-
ned & his hors also Paris seying that
george was drowned was moche so-
re abasshed & durst make noo seblau-
te. by cause that the fayr vyene shold
haue noo melancolye And after vy-
enne demaunded of paris where ge-
orge was by come/ & parys answer to
hyr that he had sente hi for to seche
somme good passage / & they wold
torne in to the chyrche ageyn tyl Ge-
orge were comen. And vyenne ans-
werd to him that it playsed to hyr
wel so to doo. For she had grete dou-
bte & fere for to passe the water And
whā they were in the chyrche paris
was moche aferde to abyde longe in
that place/ For he sawe that it was
not sure wherfore he demaunded the
chapelayn/ if they might in ony wise
passe that water/ and the chapelayn
sayd not i iij. dayes tyl the water we-
re decreced and aualed/ And parys
sayd to him that he sholde goo in to

the towne to seche and se yf he my-
ght fynde ony men that wold make
a brydge soo that they might passe/ &
that he sholde spare for no money/ for
i shal paye to them as moche as they
wil haue/ & the chapelayn sayd that
he shold doo hys beste Thus dyd pa-
rys noo thinge but thinke how they
might passe the ryuer: Now leue we
parys and torne we to the daulphi:
whiche had lost his fayre doughtere
vyenne

How the daulphi dyd doo seche
& seche vyenne by his seruantes



On the morn̄ that vyēne was
 losse & departed fro the hous
 of hyr fader: & that the daul
 phyn knewe it. he supposed to haue
 goon oute of his witte: & al the coun
 te was troubled: & sente hastely men
 on horsebak & a foote bi dyuers par
 tyes the most secretely that he might
 & prayed them that thei shold bringe
 home to him vyēne quyk or dede: it
 happed by aduenture that one of his
 men a fote: that was sente to seche
 vyenne came into the towne where
 as the chapelayn was comē to seche
 mē to make the brydge: The fote mā
 demaūdede euery man yf they had
 seen two damoiselles whiche were

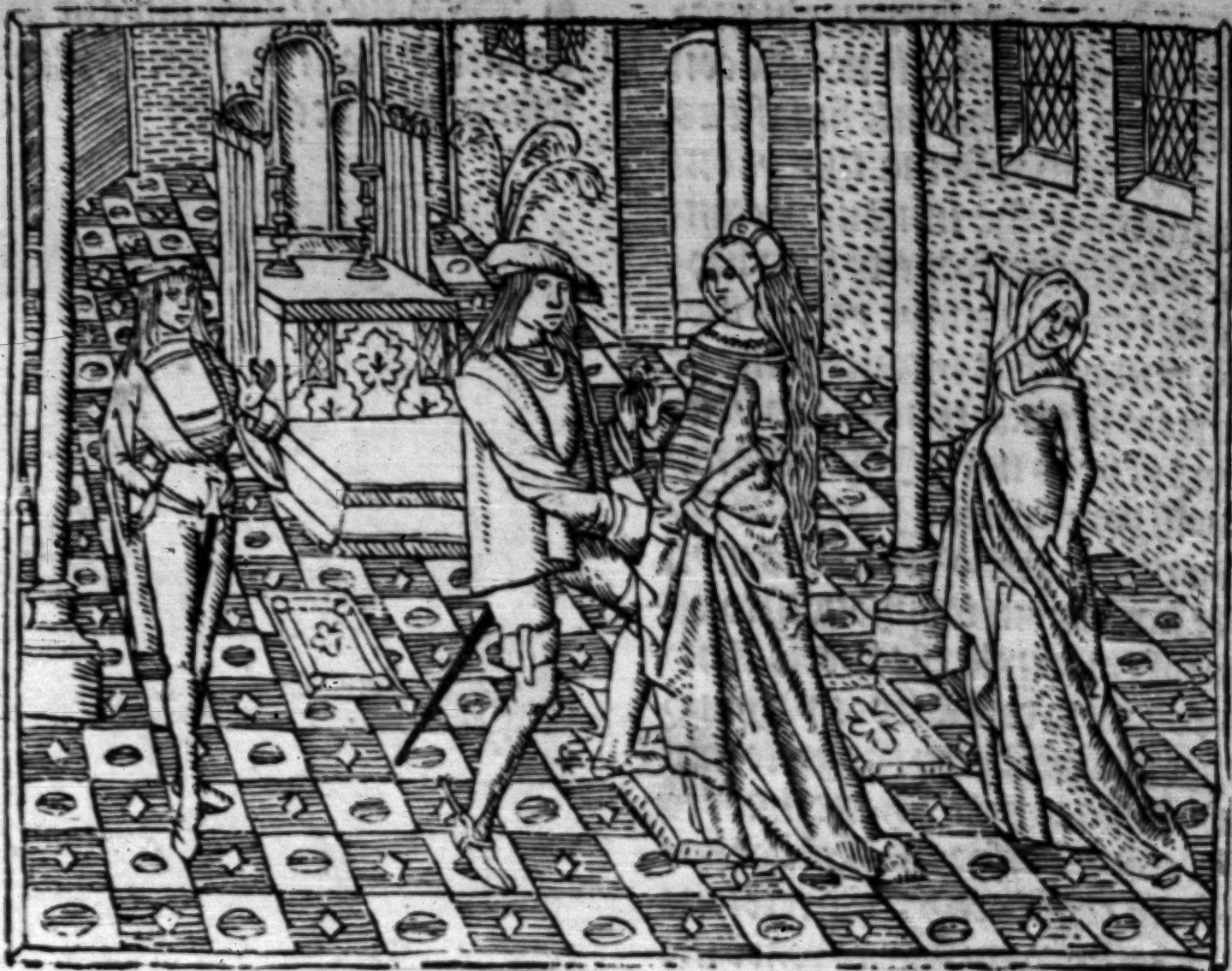
fledde fro the daulphis courte/ Thē
 the chappellayn sayd to him that hit
 was not longe syt̄ suche twayne de
 parted with other men. And the mā
 supposed that the sayd chappellayn
 had sayd it in iape or in mockyng/
 And sayd that the Daulphyn was
 moche angry/ and had sworne that
 yf ony man or woman knewe there
 they were and shewed it not/ that he
 shold make thē to lose theyr hedes/ &
 whā the chapelayn herde these woꝝ
 des he remēbred him of thē that we
 re hyd in hys hous/ and in grete drede
 sayde to hī that he shold tarpe there
 a lytel. and that for the loue of my lord
 daulphyn he wolde gladly seche for

them/ and as sone as he myght fynde
tydynge of them/ he shold lete hym
wyte And so depyed fro thens and
retorned home ageyn & tolde al thys
to parys. & what he had herde i the
toun sayeng also that he doubted
that it was for them of hys cōpanye
Wherfore he sayd to hi ferthermore
Syr I praye you that ye depte from
hens and suffre not that I lese my lyf
But take ye the beste counceyl ye can
For there be fyfty men on horsebak
that seche you/ Whan parys herde hi
saye this it nedeth not to demaūde yf
he were heuy & melācolpous and for
the grete sorowe that he had he cha-
unged al hys colour/ and he sayd to
the chapelai: I praye you yf ye tarpe
a lytel and i shal make you an āswer
And theñe parys went to vyēne for
to telle to hyr al this feat/ And whā
vyenne sawe him entre/ and so cha-
unged in hys colour sayd to parys.
what tydinges brynge ye which are
so pale & your colour chaūged. i pra-
ye you hertely as I can that it playse
you to telle me/ Theñe paris sayd to
hyr The tydinges that I bringe ben
euyl for you & for me/ For shortely
shal be accomplissed our aduenture
& therfore I wil see my selff. and also
he sayd complaynyng/ O god how
my lyf is sorowful and heuy to haue
brought this excellent lady as ye ar/
in such daūger: o good god why gaf
thou not to me the deth tofore or that
I fette hyr out of hyr faders hous O
alas my fader and my moder what

shal befall of you. whan the daulphi
shal knowe that I haue stolen from
hym his doughter O my good felo-
we Edward why counceylled not i
with the tofore or I had doon thys
folye. And after he retorned to vy-
enne sayeng. and what shal falle of
you my lady/ whan your fader shal
see you. Certes I thynke that how
cruel that he be/ whā he shal see your
noble persone his hert shal not suffre
to do you ony harme O god almyg-
hty do to me that grace that I onely
may bere the payn of this fayt & non
other. O lady unhappy was that day
for you & for me whan fyrst ye had
acquyntaūce of me/ And whā paris
had fynysshed hys complaynte. he
tolde to vyēne al that the chapelayn
had sayd to hym/ and for wyth as
a pson despayred/ took his swerde &
wold haue ryuen yt thurgh hys bo-
dy: and vyenne as vertuouse & va-
lyaunte took to hyr hert. and took the
swerde fro him and comforted hym &
sayde. O free knight/ my poye. my lyf
& mi solace/ what wil ye doo. knowe
ye not wel. that who that sleeth him-
self wytyngly. sleeth the soule & the
body. and yf ye deye: I assure you I
shal deye also & soo shal ye be cause of
my deth as well as of your owne O
parys where is your wysedom and
your promesse Now whan ye shold
haue mooste strengthe & moost vtu-
ous courage ye be aferde: O my kni-
ght this is noo newe thinge that the
psones that lyue in this world haue

tribulaciōs: of what somer lagna-
ge they be Certes this is it not the cou-
rage of one so waylyvaunte knight as
ye be/ For now whome that ye ou-
ght to comforte/ she must now com-
forthe you: and therfore my fayr bro-
ther and frende/ I praye you as mos-
che as ye may. that incontynente ye
departe fro hens. & that ye goo your
waye: & yf ye do not so I shal see my
self wyth your swerde For your de-
partynge is as greuous to me as myn
shal be to you: but it byhoueth to es-
chewe of two euyls the werse And
also ye ought to considere ony thyng
that not wythstōdyng the grete faul-
te and trespass that I haue made to
my fader/ yet therfore he shal not put
me to deth considered the grete loue
that he hath alway had toward me
And if ye were taken I wote well
that ye and I shold bothe deye/ and
yet I haue good hope that myn en-
tencion shal come vnto a goode ende
For be ye sure though he neuer par-
dōne me. I shal neuer haue other hus-
bond but you/ and that I promyse you
by my fayth/ But allewaye of ony
thing I praye you that for none o-
ther lady ye forgete me. And whan
ye shall be in other countre ye wryte
vnto me of your aduenture And to
thende that ye the better remembre
me: loo here is a ryng of gold with
a dyamōde: the whiche I praye you
that ye will kepe for the loue of me.

I Now the gentyll knyght Darys
departed from the fayr Pyenne: and
leste hyr in the chyrche



After moche other langage/
 parys kyssed vyerne wryth
 grete syghes and thoughtes
 & she sforted him the best wise as she
 might in prayeng our lord ihu crist
 that in short time she might see hym/
 lyke as hyr herte desyred moost of o-
 ny thinge that was in the world. and
 then paris departed fro vyene with
 grete sorowe and heuy nesse. & took
 hys waye wth his seruaute til he ca-
 me to the riuer where they coude not
 tofore passe: and as despayred doub-
 ted noo thinge but entred therein: and
 the water was soo aualed that they
 passed withoute ony peryl. And they
 rode two dayes withoute ony meie
 for they durst not passe thourgh ony

toun. and they passed til they came to
 arguesmortes. and there he founde
 the galeye that george had hyred/
 whiche anone he took. & so longe say-
 led and rowed tyl that they arriued
 a Gene: Parys made meruaillo^{us} co-
 untenaunces in the Galeye: that alle
 they that were therein had supposed
 that he had be a fool. for alle waye he
 was pensyf & ymagynatyf: & vnnet
 he wold speke ne say a word. Then
 whā he was at Gene. he hyred him
 a lodgynge & lyued there in grete he-
 uynesse and sorowe. Now leue we to
 speke of Parys and retorne we to vi-
 enne/ whych abode i the chapelayns
 hous



How yvenne was founde in the chyrche by a fotemau: and how she was brought ageyn to hyr fader

Whan paris was deyped fro yvenne she abode allone wth ysabeau makynge the gretest sorowe of the worlde that it was a grete pyte to beholde/lyke as she had as leef to deye as to lyue/and whā she was wel wery of wepyng. & y^t it was force that she must retourne to the mercy of hyr fader the doulphin/ she appeased hyr self. & anon the chape- layn went for to secche the fotemā and brought him into the chyrche. & whā yvenne sawe him she knewe hi wel for she had oftymes seen him i hyr

faders hous. & thys man sayd to hir all his charge. & that many knyghtes were oute for to secche hyr And yvenne sayd to him. goo & telle the that thou hast founde me here: & brynge them hyther / Then the man wete & fonde the knyghtes that theie were comen in the towne. & tolde to the how he had founde hyr. & that they shold come with him & he wolde brynge them to the place where she was Whan the knyghtes herde these tydynges anon eche made grete haste/ tyl they cam to hyr. Then whā they were tofore yvene they salewed hyr & sayd to hyr that the doulphin had doo secche hyr in dyuers countrees. and

after they cōforted hyr / & sayd that
she shold not be aferde of hyr fader /
for he wold doo to hyr noo desplay
sir. for he shal haue so grete joye whā
he shal see you. that he shal pardonne
you and appease hys yre. And than
incontynent they wēte to horssebac
ke and brought forth the chapelayn
wyth hyr to thende that he shold ex
cuse hyr tofore hyr fader. & tolde how
she was pure & clene of his body
Now sayth this storie that whā vy
enne was comē tofore hyr fader the
daulphyn. he made to ward hyr he
uy and euyll chere But not wiston
dyny vyēne kneled down on bothe
hyr knees to the erthe sayeng and in
weppyn. Redoubted fader i see wel
& knowe in my self that I haue mes
prysed & faylled to ward you. wher
of i haue grete desplay sir. Neuerthe
les folyshe loue hath enforced me to
loue hym. whiche is wel worthy to
be byloued of the moost grettest lady
of the Royaulme of fraunce allewaye
seen the noblenes that is in him For
I wene that in alle the world is noon
to him lyke ne pareylle. And also I
thynke that I am not the fyrst that
haue trespaced by semblable reasōs
Wherfore redoubted fader I am in
your mercy and take of me vengea
ce / suche as shal playse you. and to me
chastysemēt and exāple to other.
Neuertheles I wyl wel that ye kno
we & that I swre by my soule: that
I am as pure & clene of my body as i
was that day that I deptyed fro hēs

And loo here the chapelayn which
can say to you the trouthe. And then
the chapelai tolde how she came w
iij. men / of whō that one was a mo
che fayr knight yonge & curtoys. the
whiche I byleue is drowned in pas
snyng a ryner. And they were i myn
hous / and the two damoyelles slept
to gyder in the chyrche / and the kni
ght slepte wyth me. and the other. ij.
slepte in the stable with the horses.
Thēne whā the daulphyn herde thes
se tydinges he had ryght grete play
sir / of whiche he made noo sembla
re: and gaf to the chapelayn moche
money & grete yestes / and bad hym
retozne ¶ After the dolphyn took vi
enne by the hande in repreuyng hyr
moche gretely / and lad hyr in to hyr
moders chambze with ysabeau / for
hyr moder was seke of the grete so
tore that she had for hyr doughter
And there the moder blamed thent
bothe two / And ysabeau sayd that
vyēne was as pure and clene of hyr
body as she was the day that she de
parted. Alas sayd the dolphi: how
hast put vs in the moost grettest sha
me of the worlde. And I promyse
that alle they that haue pseted ther
to shal be wel punysshed: & in especi
al that euyl traytre parys whiche is
cause of al thys fayte. and yf euer I
may haue him I shall make dogges
deuoure hym. and also bothe ye & wey
ne shal suffre therfore grete penitēce
Thēne sayd vyenne weppyn i see
well and knowe that ye haue entē

cyon to do to me moche gref & harm
and I see wel that my lyf shal not lo-
ge endure: Therfore I swere to you
in good fayth that there is noo mā
in the world that i somoche loue as
I doo him whom ye so menace and
thetene/ For in him i haue my tho-
ught and courage wythoute euer to
faylle him: and yf ye shortly gyue to
me my penaunce. so moch shortly shal
be my deth. And yf ye suffre me to
endure it longe. so moche more shal i
bere it/ and my soule shal be the mo-
re sure tofore almyghty god: & kno-
we ye for certayn that for him and
hys loue I am redy to deye: Thenne
the doulphyn yssued out of the cham-
bre in grete indignacyon/ and comaū-
ded that the fader of Parys shold be
put in an euyl pryson. ad that alle his
goodes shold be taken fro him. And
also that vyenne & ysabeau shold be
enclosed in a chambze/ & that wel li-
tel mete shold be gyuen to them. and
moche he menaced & thretened the
and thus they abode a longe time in
that chambze/ & continually vyenne
dremed of parys.

¶ And whan vyenne might haue
ony space to speke to Edward felo-
we of Parys/ she requyred him that
he shold serche yf he myght haue o-
ny tidynge of parys & that he shold
lete hyr knowe therof

¶ In this maner vyenne passed hyr
time in grete sorowe & in grete thou-
ght alle waye desyring for to here so-
me tidynge of þ noble knight parys

Whan the noble and fayr vy-
enne had be a grete tyme in
this manere The doulphyn
bythought hym that thenne his dou-
ghter vyenne had been well casty-
sed: And thenne the Doulphyn fa-
der of vyenne ordeyned that she ca-
me oute of the pryson And thenne he
purposed to gyue to hyr an husbond
ad sette hyr in hyr fyrst estate. wher
of alle the courte was moche joyous
and in especy all Edward felowe of
parys.

And after certayn tyme the Dou-
phyn wrote to the Erle of Flaunders
that he wold doo marye his dought-
ter vyenne: wherupon he requyred
hym that he wold gyue to hym coun-
ceyll in this mater For it was vnto
hym chargeable. And durynge the
tyme that vyenne was oute of pry-
son hyr herte was neuer in reste/ but
euer she was heuy and sorowfull for
hyr swete and faythful frende paris
whome she myght not see/ and kne-
we not whether he were dede or a li-
ue: And whā the doulphin sawe hyr
so heuy/ on a day he sayd to hyr: My
swete doughtere wherfore be ye soo
sorowful: gyue your self to plaisir/ for
as to me I remembre no more the
thynges passed And there is no thi-
ge in the worlde that ye demaunde
me. but I shall doo it gladly for you/
And thenne the fayr vyenne whych
had not forgotten Parys. sayde to hi
Honourable fader yf I were sure of
the thynges passed that they were for-

gotten by you / I shold be more sure than
I am / but I beleue fermely. that ye
haue the yet in your remembrance. for
ye holde alwaye messyre Jaques in
pryson the fader of parys. whych is
not culpable of ony parte of this de-
dene cause / And if ye wold do to me
soo much grace that ye wolde pdone
him & redre to him al his goodes and
thinges I sholde be moche ioyous / and
the dolphin for the plaisir of his dou-
ghter sayd to hyr that it wel playsted
to him: & incontynēt the dolphi dyd do
deliuer messyre Jaques out of prysō /
and dyd do retorne to hi al his goodes
and thinges that had be takē fro him
Wherof messyre Jaques had grete
playfir / for if he had abyde leger i pri-
son he had be dede for hunger. for the-
re was none that cōforted hi but ed-
ward: whiche sforted hi the best wy-
se he myght / & gaf to hym dayly that
whych was necessarpe for hys lyf /
whan vyēne knewe that messire Ja-
ques was oute of prisō: she was mo-
che joyeful & had grete plaisir / neuer-
theless al the solacyō of vyēne was
whā she might speke wth Edward of
hys loue parys. & thus she passed hir
time in ryght grete payne & heuynes
the beste wyse she myght

¶ Whā the Erle of flāunders had red-
de the letters of the dolphin & vnder-
stood that he wold marpe his doug-
hter vyēne. which was of the age of
xx. yere. he trayted that she shold ha-
ue of two barons that one. that is to
wete / the sone of the king of england

or the sone of the duke of bourgoyne /
whiche thenne had grete renomēe i
fraunce: & that was for the grete pro-
wesse that was in him / & the sayd er-
le made this sayd traytie. & sēte wo-
des vnto the doulphin that hi semed
best that the sone of the duc of bour-
goyne were beste for hyr. bycause that
it shold be grete playfir to the kyng of
fraunce: & that he was a noble knight
& of grete prowess. & whā the dolphi
had receyued these letters fro therle
of flāunders / he sente to the kyng of
fraunce to wyte of hym whiche shold
best playse him of these two prces a-
fore sayde that shold haue his doug-
hter / for whome that he wold shold
haue hyr / wherof the king had grete
playfir / & reputed it to hym grete ho-
nour / And he sēte to him worde. that
it shold playse hi best that he maryed
with the sone of the duc of bourgoyne
his newew. & i so doyng he shold doo
to him ryght grete playfir / & wold do
as much for him. whā tyme and place
requyrezth: And seying the doulphyn
the wylle of the king of fraunce / sente
worde to therle of flāunders. that he
had cōseylled with his barōs. & al-
so that it was the wille of the king of
fraunce that his doughtere shold be
maryed to the sone of the duc of bour-
goyne And theie therle laboured so
moche i this mater that he mad the
sayd sone of the duc to agree as for
his partye



¶ How Parys sente a letter to hys felawe Edward.

Now late vs leue to speke of this mater/ and retorne we vnto parys/ which abode in the cyte of Gene moche heuy/ & whyles this mariage was in trayty. Parys dwelled in Gene out of all ioyes and playsaunces wordly. & all for the loue that he had to the sayr yvonne/ whome he had somoche at his hert And abode alle way in his lodgynge allone/ & by came so deuoute & so humble toward god/ that it was grete meruaylle: and also for the good countenaunces that he made: he was moche wel beloued of alle the nobles &

the peple of the cyte / and they helde hym for a noble man. & sayd he must nedes be the sone of a grete lord/ and parys beyng in this maner had grete desyre to haue tydinges of yvonne and what was hys aduenture And anone ordeyned two letters. that one to hys fader. and that other to his felawe Edward/ Of whiche the letter to hys fader sayd in this maner

Ryght dere and honourable sir and fader playse yt you to wete that i am moche sorowful and heuy of my cruel aduentur. and also I endure grete heuynes. sorowe and affliction. doubting that for me ye haue suffred grete payne & tribulacyon/ & i late you

wete that I am at Genes: and dwel-
le in a lodgyng allone depose d fro all
joyes and consolacyons mondayne
For myn entedement is to serue god
and our lady fro hens forth. and pur-
pose that ye shal see me nomore. for i
wil departe & goo thurgh the world
to seche holy pplgrimages / & if bi ad-
uerture I shal deye tofore that ye shal
see me. i praye you that it may play-
se you to pdonne me / and to gyue to
me your benedictyon. Also dere sir ad
fader I praye you & supplie. that my
dere brother ad felowe Edward ye
wil take in my name ad place. & that
he be recommaunded as your sone
in stede of me. as wel in your herita-
ge as in other thinges. and the grace
of the holy ghoost be with you & reco-
maunde me to my moder &c.

¶ And the letter of Edwaerd sayd
thus.

Dere and specyal brother and sin-
guler frede Edward the peril of pa-
rys and of his aduenture is pursu-
wed of all euyl and cruell fortune.
I commaunde me to you as moch as
I may say or thynk / Neuertheles ly-
ke as we haue be acustomed to wri-
te letters of loue & of cheualtrie Now
I must wryte letters anguysshou of
sorrowe and of euyl fortune. for alas
i am unhappy all allone in a strange
countree & exyled fro alle joyes and
fro alle plaisir. and out of al worldy
plaisaunce. thinking nyght and day
on the bele vyenne / the which i thin-
ke that for me hath suffred mortall

sorrowe ad I say to you that if i kne-
we that for me she suffred payne ad
sorrowe. i shold be in despayr / for i am
worthy for to be punysshed cruelly.
for that fayte and none other wher
fore I praye god and all his sayntes
that she may be kepte from all euil / &
gyue hyr grace to prospere in al good
and honour lyke as she is worthy &
myn herte desyret

¶ My dere brother and selawe the
most dere thinges that I loue in this
world is fyrst the sayr & swete wy-
ne and next you: to whō i praye you
if it may be in ony wise that ye wyll
saye hyr in my name / how that i am
lyuing i Genes / passyng my lyf mo-
che heuy ad sorowful for thab sence of
hyr noble persone / & for the cruel and
euyl fortune that hath pursiued
me: and also say ye to hyr that i crye
hyr mercy. & that it may please hyr to
pardonne me If by me she haue ony
displayr and god knoweth myn en-
tencion & in what tribulacion i lyue
And syth that it hath not playsted to
our lord. that we accompysshe not
our desyre and wille. we ought to be-
re it patiently / And also ye shal saye
to hyr that I praye and supplie her
as moche I may that she yet take no
husbonde vnto the time that she shal
see the ende of our aduenture / ad after
this I praye you dere brother of the
consolacion of my fader and my mo-
der. and that ye be to them as a sone /
For seying the loue that alwaye we
haue had to gyder. I haue wrytten to

my fader/that i the stede of me he ta-
ke you for his sone/and that after his
lyf:he will leue to you hys herptage:
for so moche brother & felawe i pra-
ye & byseche you that ye be to theym
humble & obeissaunt. & the better pte
shal be poures:ād if by aduenture ye
wryte to me ony letter late the letter
be kepte in my faders hous. the holy
ghoost haue you in his keepyng/and
he delyuerd this letter to a courtour
whiche wythin fewe dayes was at
vyēne: & secretly delyuerd his letters
to Edward the good knight: Whan
edward had receyued these letters/
ād knewe that paris was a lyue/he
had right a grete ioye as ony mā cou-
de thiike or byleue. Neuertheles he hel-
de the courtour secretly in his hows/
to thendethat the doulphin shold not
knowe therof.ād whan he had her-
de the letters/he went to the hous of
messyre Jaques the fader of the no-
ble parys & sayd to him. Messyre ja-
ques I bringe to you this letter and
whan messyre jaques had redde the
letter.he coude not be faciat of redyn-
g:he took so grete playsir therein: Af-
ter that he had redde it at his playsir.
he prayed Edward to wryte to hi
an answer wel at large of alle that
was byfallen syth his departyng. &
this doon/edward departed fro him
& wente vnto beale vienne. whome
he fonde moche heuy & soroufull for
hys loue and frende parys/ And Ed-
ward sayd/honourable lady & how
is it that ye be thus heuy: & vyenne
d j

sayd to hi/ alas sayz broder Edward
I haue good reason ād cause to be he-
uy For myn hert abydeth thinking
day ād nyght on my good knight pa-
rys. and I knowe not whether he be
a lyue or dede/ of which thinge i mo-
che desyre to knowe: for if he be deed
I am cause therof. and certes yf he be
dede i may not lyue after hym. if our
lord wold doo so moche grace/ that
he be a lyue. fayn wold I knowe in
what londe he is: to thēde that i my-
ght sēde to him a lytel money: so that
he haue noo necessyte for his persone
And Edward sayd to hyr: Madaine
what wyl ye gyue me if i telle to you
good tydinges & sure of him/ Theñe
sayd vyenne by my sayth there is no
thing that i haue in this world/ whi-
che I may gyue wyth myn honour.
but that I shal gyue it to you/ Theñe
sayd edward. loo here is a letter whi-
che he hath sēte to me/ & whā vyēne
sawe the letter she opened it & redde
it al allōge/ & whan she had redde it/
she had soo grete ioye that hyr semed
god had appered to hyr: & the ioye y
she had in hir hert: she wed wel in hir
vysage. For syth she departed fro
parys/ she had not so good vysage ne
chere as she had then. & whā the sola-
ce had ynough edured. edward said
to hyr/ Madaine gyue to me ageyn
my letter. that I may make to hi an
answer: And vyenne sayd. It ple-
seth me moche that ye make to paris
my swete frēde an answer/ but sure-
ly the letter shal remaine wy me. theñe
he he sayd. madaine haue ye not pro-

mysed to gyue to me that thing that
 I shal demaunde you/ yes sayd/ she/
 Therne edward sayd/ i desyre ne wil-
 le haue none other thinge but that ye
 gyue to me my letter. sʒ assone shal i
 gyue to you my lʒf. but and yf ye wil
 demaunde ony other thinge/ I wyll

wel Therne sayd/ Edward I am co-
 tente that the letter abyde with you
 & after he ordeyned an other letter to
 Parys. which sayd/ in this manere
 ¶ How Edward sente answer of
 his letter to parys. which abode i the
 cyte of Genes



Right dere brother frēde and
 felawe parys/ your fader and
 your moder grete you well/
 the whiche haue suffred for you moch
 dysease/ payne and displaisur. and in
 especyal your fader: which hath lōge
 been in pryson/ and alle his goodes
 were taken fro him/ and also I certes
 fye you that by the grace of god/ and

at the request and prayer of vyenne
 the dolphin hath ydone him all hys
 euyl wille/ & deliuerd/ hi oute of prisō
 and restored/ to him alle his goodes a-
 geyn. And plesse it you to wete sayre
 brother that vyenne hath had/ so mo-
 che ioye & plaisir whā she had know-
 leche that ye were a lyue/ that hit is
 wōder to byleue For al hys solaciō

was to haue tydinges of you/ and she
recommādeþ hyr to you as moche
as she may / & hath moche grete desi-
re to see you. & also prayed you not to
wythdrawe you fro hyr ne fro that
cōtreie/ but that ye wyryte ofte to hyr
of your estate/ and she sendeth to you
an eschaūge of thre thousand flozys
of whiche she wyll that ye take your
playse and poye. for al hyr hope is in
you/ Also ye shal vnderstāde that she
hath be kepte in pryson a certayn ty-
me. But thanked be god she is now
oute: Also i haue shewed to hyr your
letter/ whiche she receyuetþ/ and after
that she had redde it. I myght neuer
haue it ageyn. But she sayd: that she
had leuer to lese al that she had/ than
the sayd letter. & ye shal knowe that
the doulphin treateth a maryage for
hyr/ the whiche is the sone of the duc
of bourgoyne / & he hopeth fro day to
day/ that it shal be accōplysshed. Ne-
uertheles I truste soo moche in vye-
ne. sayng that whiche she hath sayd
to me. that she will neuer haue other
husbond/ but you/ wherfore lyeue ye
forth joyously in hope. Dere brother i
thake you as i can or may for the re-
presentaciō that ye haue doon for me
your soule be with god. to whome i
praye that he kepe you i his holi war-
de and protectyon. &c. / Whā this let-
ter was wyrtē/ he delyuerd it to the
courour whiche made hasty journey-
es so that he arriued at genes/ where
as the god knight paris dwelled/ and
abode. ¶ Whā the noble parys had

redde the letter/ & knewe that vyēne
had beē in pryson/ almoost for sorow
he was oute of his witte cursyng his
euyl fortune/ and after he cursed the
day that he was borne. and moche dis-
comforted him self. & also he cursed
the daulphyn sayng. O euil fader and
vncōnyng. how may your hert suf-
fre to put in pryson hyr that is so no-
ble a creature/ whiche is ful of all ver-
tues. that is the fayr vyēne: whiche
is noo thinge cause of this fayte. For
I my self onely haue doon it/ & ought
to bere allone the penaunce. alas and
wherfore dyde not god to me so mo-
che grace. that I had be takē in ste-
de of hyr: O fayr vyēne what haue
i doo for you. whiche haue suffred so
moche payne for me: Thus he made
a grete whyle his sorowe i wepyng
strongely/ After parys sawe that the
fayr vyēne was retorned in to hyr
first estate wherof he was moch joy-
ous / & whā he had receyued these
eschaūges that vyēne hath sente him
he hyred a moch fayr hous & cladde
hī honestly & ryche. & took acqueyn-
taunce & amytie wth the grettest and
beste of the cyte/ in somoch they dyde
hī moche good & honour: & thī dwel-
led paris a grete whyle. alway remē-
bring in his hert the loue of vyēne/
for alleway his loue ēcreaced/ & eue-
ry moneth thei wrothe letters ech to
other: of whiche here is made noo mē-
cyō. for it shold be ouer lōge to reher-
ce. & to me we here in to flāndres/ for
the fayte of the mariage of the excel-
lent vyēne



How the dukes sone of bourgoigne
 came to haue vyenne in mariage

By storye sayth now that:

Whan therle of Flaunders
 had accorded the maryage
 with the duc of bourgoygne he ma-
 de redy his sone and apparaylled
 his companye & of horses/ & lete it be
 knowen to the daulphin that he shold
 make redy al thinge necessarye/ and
 that he shold hastely sende to him his
 sone. Whan the daulphi herde these ti-
 dynges: that he/ whome he somoche
 desired/ sholde come. he was moche
 iopous. & incontynēt dyd doo make re-
 dy many grete & meruayllous festes
 and durynge the same/ dyd doo make

redy his sone the duc of bourgoygne
 horses and peple for to accompayne hi
 whiche was a fayre thinge to see. And
 after sent him to therle of flaun-
 ders/ which receyued him with gre-
 te ioye & with grete honour & fested
 hym two dayes: and delyuerd to him
 his sone in his companye. & sente hym
 to the daulphin: & whan the daulphi
 knewe their comynge he dyd do mas-
 ke redy to receyue him: and whan they
 were by a day journeye nyghe vnto
 vyenne. he rode oute wyth moche gre-
 te chynualrye. & receyued them with
 moche grete ioye & playsir. and eche
 made grete feste to other: which we-
 re ouer lōge to recoūte. Neuertheles

tofore that the daulphyn came to the
 sone of the duc of bourgoygne/ he ady
 hys wyf entred into the chambze of
 vyene/ to whome the daulphyn sayd
 ffayr doughter it was the playfir of
 god that i & your moder were to gy-
 der vij. yere wythoute hauynge ony
 childe/ and in the viij. yere / our lordy
 comforted vs with you. in whō we
 haue al our affectyon: ff or we haue
 neyther sone ne doughtere but onely
 you. ne suppose neuer to haue / so we
 truste that by you we haue one. It is
 trewe that so as god wyl ad hath or-
 deynd/ we wyl assēble you to a mo-
 che honourable maryage: the which
 to vs playseth moche. ff or i ensure
 you the doughter of the noble kige of
 fraunce hath moche desired to haue
 him that ye shal haue. ff or god hath
 endowed him wth somoch good ad
 honour as hert of knyght may haue/
 thus to the playfir of god & of the v-
 gyn marie. we haue made the maris-
 age of the sone of the duke of Bour-
 gogne & of you/ wherfore we praye
 you that therto ye wil gyue your go-
 ode wille & playfir/ & also that ye wil
 haue the mariage agreable/ Thenne
 vyene aswerd to hys fader Honou-
 rable fader & lord i wote wel p thys
 that ye etēde is for my wele & prouf-
 fyt But not wythstonding that i be
 in age for to marie. & that i this ma-
 ryage i shold receyue honour more
 than i am worthy. Neuertheles i
 shal not yet be maryed/ for yf we ha-
 ue not this man/ yf it playse god we

shal haue an other as good or better
 And thynke ye not myn honourable
 lordy/ that i say this for ony excusa-
 cyon. but it is sythen xv. dayes that i
 haue be euyl desposed of my persone
 ad the maladye that i haue causeth
 me to take noo playfir for to be mari-
 ed/ ff or i haue avowed vnto god
 neuer to be maryed to thys man ne
 to none other. as longe as i shal be in
 this maladye/ Thenne thought the
 dolphyn that vyene sayd it for sha-
 mefastnes: Neuertheles he trauayl-
 led hys euery day wth fayre wordes
 that she shold consente to this mary-
 age/ but it auaylled nothyng all that
 he dyd: for the wyll of hys was mo-
 re in Parys than in ony man of the
 worlde

Thene on the morne the sone of the
 duc of bourgoygne: ad the sone of the
 erle of Flaunders entred into the ci-
 te of vyenne/ wherof the Daulphyn
 had grete ioye and plaisir: and thys
 feste edured wel fyftene dayes. that
 they dyd no thinge/ but daunce synge
 and dyd other diuers playfirs/ & du-
 ryng this feste the daulphyn sayd to
 the sone of the duke of bourgoigne to
 thende that he shold thike none euyl
 bycause he abode so lōge or he might
 espouse hys doughtere: ffayr sone i
 praye you & biseche that ye take you
 to playfir & ioye. ad gyue you noo
 thyng of thys longe abydynge here
 ff or certayn my doughter is so seke
 that vnnethe she may speke/ whiche
 doth to hys grete desplaisir & shame/

for fayn she wold be out of hyr cham
bre And thenne the sone of the noble
duc of bourgoyn as he shat mete but
good fayth/ byleued it lightly. Neuer
theles the dolphyn dyd nothig night
ne day. but admonested his doughter
one tyme in fayr wordes/ & an other
tyme in menaces. but in noo wyse he
coude make his doughter to consete:
And comaunded that she shold no
thing haue but brede & water. & vi
enne abode one day soo i this maner:
And al this dyde the dolphyn to the
de that she consente in this mariage.
and alway he dyde to hyr more har
me and payne/ & vyene was alway
more herde and ferther fro his desire
wherof the dolphyn had moche gre
te dysplayse/ & not withoute cause. &
seyng the dolphyn that his doughter
was soo indurate: he thought that bi
some good moyen he wold sente her
me ageyn the sone of the duc of bour
goyn/ for he doubted that yf he abode
loge that this feat might be discover
d. and he gaf to him fayr jewellys &
after sayd to him/ If ayre sone I wyll
that ye take noo dysplayse in that I
shal saie to you. Me semeth wel that
at this tyme this mariage may not go
forth of you and of my doughter/ for
after that I see & as me semeth the
wille of god is ferther than I wold
at this tyme For he wil not that the
mariage of you and of my doughter
take now effecte: Wherfore I haue
right grete dysplayse in my hert ones
ly for the loue of you/ Thenne the sone

of the duc of bourgoyne seyng that
at that tyme he myght doo noo thig
toke leue of the daulphyn and reto
ned into his cōtree. by cause that vy
enne was not in helthe: and promy
sed that assone as he myght knowe
that she shold be hool/ he wold reto
ne for to accomplysshe the mariage:
lyke as the Dolphyn had promysed
to hym

How the dolphyn dyd doo empy
sonne vyenne bycause that she wold
not consente to the mariage to the so
ne of the duke of Bourgoyne



After certayn dayes that the
sone of the duke of Bourgoi
was departed fro the cyte of
vpenne. the doulphyn for grete des-
plaisir that he had dyd do come to fos-
re him the maister Jayler of his pri-
son: and dyd do make wylthin his pa-
lers a lptel pryson derke and obscure
And he dyd do put vpenne and ysabeau
into that pryson: and commaun-
ded that they shold haue nothyng to
ete but brede & water. & one damoy-
sel in whom the dolphin trusted bry-
ge it to the. And in this maner vpe-
ne and ysabeau passed theyr tyme in
grete sorowe. and thinke not that for
this pryson the hert of vpenne wold
d iij

in ony wyse consente to the wyile of
hyr fader / but alway encreaced wth
hyr the will toward hyr swete frede
parrys / and wyth swete wordes she
comforted ysabeau sayeng. My de-
re suster abasshe you not for this der-
kenes: for I haue confydence in god
that ye shal haue yet moche welthe /
for my fayr suster it is a moche right
ful thing that for the good knight pa-
ris whiche for me suffreth so moche
payne that I suffre this for him. & al-
so I say to you that all the paynes of
this world be nothing greuous to me
whā I thinke on hys swete vysage /
and in this manere that one comfor-
ted that other. in speking alle day of
the vayllyant knight parrys

How the sone of the duc of bourgoyne departed fro his countreye for to come see the fayre lady vyenne

Whan the sone of the duck of bourgoyne had abyden lōge tyme in his countree/ On a day he had grete thought of vyenne: & that was for the grete beaute of hir and it displeyd him moche that at his beyng there he had not seen hyr: and so concluded to goo and see hyr/ and it was not lōge after that he cam to the dolphyn/ & the dolphyn receyued him moche gladly and with grete honour. Theñ he prayed the doulphyn that it might plese hym to shewe to hi vienne also seke as she was/ For in the worlde was nothing that he soo moche desyred to see as hyr. And the dolphi seyng the wille & desyre of hi/ wold not lēger hyde his courage. but sayd to hi. Alþ fayr sone by the fayth that I owe to god. I haue had grete desyre that this mariage shold be made: but my doughter for thys present tyme wil take noo husbond/ ne be married/ Wherfore I haue grete desplayr and that for the loue of you. & to thende that ye knowe that it holdeth not on me I swere to you that fythe ye deptyd fro this toun. I haue doon hyr to be kepte in a pryson derke and obscure. & hath etē nothing but brede & water oneli: & haue sworn that she shal not goo oute of pryson tyl she shall consente to haue you in mariage. and thus I praye you that ye take noo displeysir/ yf at this tyme ye see hyr not

For ye may not faylle to haue grete mariage. in caas that this faylle you. And theñ he answered Honourable sire I praye you moche herthely. fyth that it is so. that er I retozne I may speke to hyr/ and I shal praye hir as moche as I mowe/ & shal see if by any manere I may conuerte hyr fro hyr wille. Theñ sayd the dolphi he was contēte. Theñ he sente for his doughter clothing and vestimentes for to clothe hir/ & also mete for to ete/ for in two monethes she had etē but brede and water/ wherof she was moche feble: & that shewyd wel in her visage/ & thus he dyd by cause she shold sēte to the mariage. And theñ it was concluded. that the sone of the duc of bourgoyne shold come see hyr & speke with hyr. & theñ whan vienne sawe this & had receyued all & knewe that the sone of the duc of bourgoyne shold come & speke wþ hyr. she sayd to ysa beau hir damopsel/ Fayr suster beholde how my fader and moder wene by these vestimētes & this henne that I shold ete to deceyue me & put me fro my purpoos/ but god for bede that I shold do so. & thenne she took the henne & sayd to hyr that brought it: fyth yt playseth to the sone of the duke to come & speke to me. say ye to him that he may not come these thre dayes. & whan he cometh that he bringe wþ him the bishhop of saynt laurēs/ She that had brought to hyr the henne sayd alle this vnto the doulphi and to dame dyane hyr moder/ Theñne

vyene took the two quarters of the
henne & put the vnder hyr arme hoo-
les and helde them there so logethat
they stöke moche strögly. And whā
it came to the thyrde day. the bisscop
of saynt laurence and the sone of the
duke of bourgoyñ came for to see vi-
enne. and or they entred they opened
a treylle which gaf light into the pri-
son. Thenne whan the sone of the duc
sawe vienne in the prysen he sayd to
hyr by grete pyte that he had. Noble
vyenne how wil ye deye thus for hū
gre so folyly by your owne deffaulte.
And knowe ye not wel that your fa-
der hath gyuen you to me to haue to
my wyf. wherfore I lyue i grete pai-
ne. and in moche grete sorowe for the
dureffe of your courage wherof ye do
right grete synne. and doubt ye not þ
god punyssheth you for thynobedy-
ce that ye doo to your fader & to your
moder. wherfore I praye you say vi-
enne to telle to me for what cause ye
wil not haue me in maryage to your
husbōd. Doubte ye that whā ye shal
be wyf me. that ye may not serue god
as wel as ye now do that suffre this
payne. I pmyse you bi my sayth that
ye shal haue playsaūces & libertees i
al the maners that ye shall conne des-
maunde. Thenne I praye you that ye
wil not here deye so dolorously. & if ye
wil not doo it for the loue of me. yet
at the leste do it for þ loue of your fad-
& of your moder. which lyue for you
in grete sorowe and in grete heuynes-
se. wherfore ye ought to haue pite on

them

Whan vyene had herde these wor-
des she was all abasshed & sayd. sir
sayyng your honour I am marped
how be it ye knowe him not whome
I haue in myn hert. and also I knowe
and graunte ryght well that ye be
worthy to haue one moche gretter &
more hye a lady than I am. and I la-
te you wete that for him that I desi-
re I shold suffre more payne than I
fele. And therfore I praye you that
fro hens forth ye speke to me no mo-
re of this mater. And also I am so e-
uyl disposed i my psone that yf it en-
dure in me. my lyf shal not be longe. &
if it were honeste I shold shewe it you
and than shold ye see how it stondeth
wyth me. Neuer theles approche ye
ner to me. & ye shal the better byleue
me. & the sone of þ duke of bourgoyñ
& the bisscop of saynt laurence appro-
ched vnto vyene. fro whō yssued so
grete a stēche. that vnnethe thei mi-
ght suffre & endure it. which sauour
came fro vnder hir arme holes of the
two quarters of the hēne. which we
re rotē. & whā vienne sawe that they
had felte ynough of the stēche. she
sayd to the lordes ye may now kno-
we ynough in what euyl aduenture
I am disposed. Then they took leue
hauyng grete compassyon on hyr.
And they sayd to the doulphyn that
vyenne was thenne half rotten and
that she stanke. & demed in thern self
that she myght not lyue longe. And
that it shold be grete damage of hyr

deth for the soueraĩ beaute that was
in hyr. And incōtinēt the sone of the
duc bourgoyñ took his leue of the dol
phyn and retorned into his contrey
& recoūted to his fader the lyf of vi
enne. wherof alle they that herde hi.
had grete pyte in their herte.

¶ Whā the doulphyn sawe that the
marriage was brokē by the deffaulte
of his doughter vyēne. he sware that
she shold neuer depte fro thēs. but yf
she wold cōsente to his wille. And
so she abode longe tyme in that prisō:
where she had grete thought & sorow
we for hyr swete ād trewe frēde pa
rys. & hyr desyre was on noo thynge
but for to here tydinges of parys hyr
loue. But in the estate that she was i
no man myght bringe hyr tydinges.
And Edward the felawe of parys
seyng that vyēne abode in soo grete
payne: & that none durst speke to hyr
he had in his herte grete sorowe. and
was moche moeued of grete pyte. &
also for the grete loue that he had to
parys: and cōciuded to make a cha
pel i the chirche that touched the pa
lays of the doulphyn ād in a corner he
dyd do dygge so depe that it was ny
ghe to the fōdamēt of the prisō. whe
re in vyēne was: & by cause he wold
not haue the thynge disclosed: he wold
that they shold dygge no ferther: ād
whan the chappel was achyueed &
fynissied: Edward alle allone dyg
ged him self so ferre. that he made an
hole: by which he spak to vyēne whā
he wold: which caue was made soo

secretly that no man might appceyue
it. So it happed on a day Edward bi
helde vyenne thurgh thys hole. & sa
lewedy hyr. & theñe whā vyēne herd
him ād knewe him / she had so grete
joye and consolacyon / that she semed
that she was rysen fro the deth to lyf
& the fyrst tydinges that vyenne de
maunded of him were yf he knewe
ony tydinges of paris / and edward
tolde to hyr that it was not lōge syth
that he had receyued a letter fro him
wryton at genes. Theñe sayd vyēne
al weppng to him. alas whā shal the
day come / that I shal see hym / & that
doon I wold be cōtēte that god shold
do his witt of me. for none other thig
I desire i this world. Alas sayd bro
ther what semeth you of my lyf & of
this sayr chambze in which I dwel
le in. certeynly I byleue veryly that if
parys knewe it / that for his loue i suf
fre thus moche sorowe: that the hert
of him shold swelte for sorowe: & af
ter she tolde to edward the plamēt y
she had wyth the sone of the duc of
bourgoyñ. & also of the hēne. & praied
hi that he wold sede worde of al this
to parys / & yf she recōmaūded hyr to
hi. & also that she had none other ho
pe in this world but i him. Edward
brought to hyr euery day fro thenne
forthon mete & drinke / & al that was
necessarpe to hyr. for hyr lyf / & cōfor
ted hyr wyf sayr wordes the best wi
se he might. & Edward wrote al plai
ly to paris: hou for hūgre she shold ha
ue bē dede / ne had he bē / which dayly

pourtueyed for hyr al that was to hi
necessarye: and he wrote to him all
the maner that Wyenne hath holden
wyth the sone of the Duke of Bour-
goyne And that this sayr lady wy-
ne desired noo thinge in this worlde
but for to see him onely: and also that
she prayed him that he shold not des-
parte oute of the contre that he was
in.

Whā the noble parys had receyue-
d the letter fro Edward: and knewe
that wyne abode in prysyn. it is noo
ned: to demaunde yf he had grete dis-
playse. and almoost was in such cas-
as as to lese his wytte for sorowe: and
on that other parte he had grete dre-
de that she shold be marped in esche-
wynyng of the grete harme and payne
that she suffred. and herin he was per-
ysf nyght and day/ sayeng to him self
I see wel that I may not escape but
that wyne must nedes be marped
and by that moeyen hyr loue and myn
shal faylle. Alas now see I wel that
now me byhoueth noo hope ne truste
Alas cattys and unhapp what shal
byfalle of me/ I shal goo so ferre that
fro hyr I may neuer here tydynge-
ne also she fro me/ and after thys be-
gan ageyn his complaynte sayeng/
O veray god of heuen wherof hast
thou not doon to me so moche grace/
that i the stede of hyr I myght suffre
the payne that she suffreth for me: O
cruel fortune ful of cruel tozmente. &
what hath wyne doon or made that
she must suffre so greuous penaunce

Ha alas were it not more reaso ius-
tyce and cause that I whyche haue
doon alle this euyl bere the punyction
Certes yes.

¶ How parys sente a letter to Ed-
ward his felawe

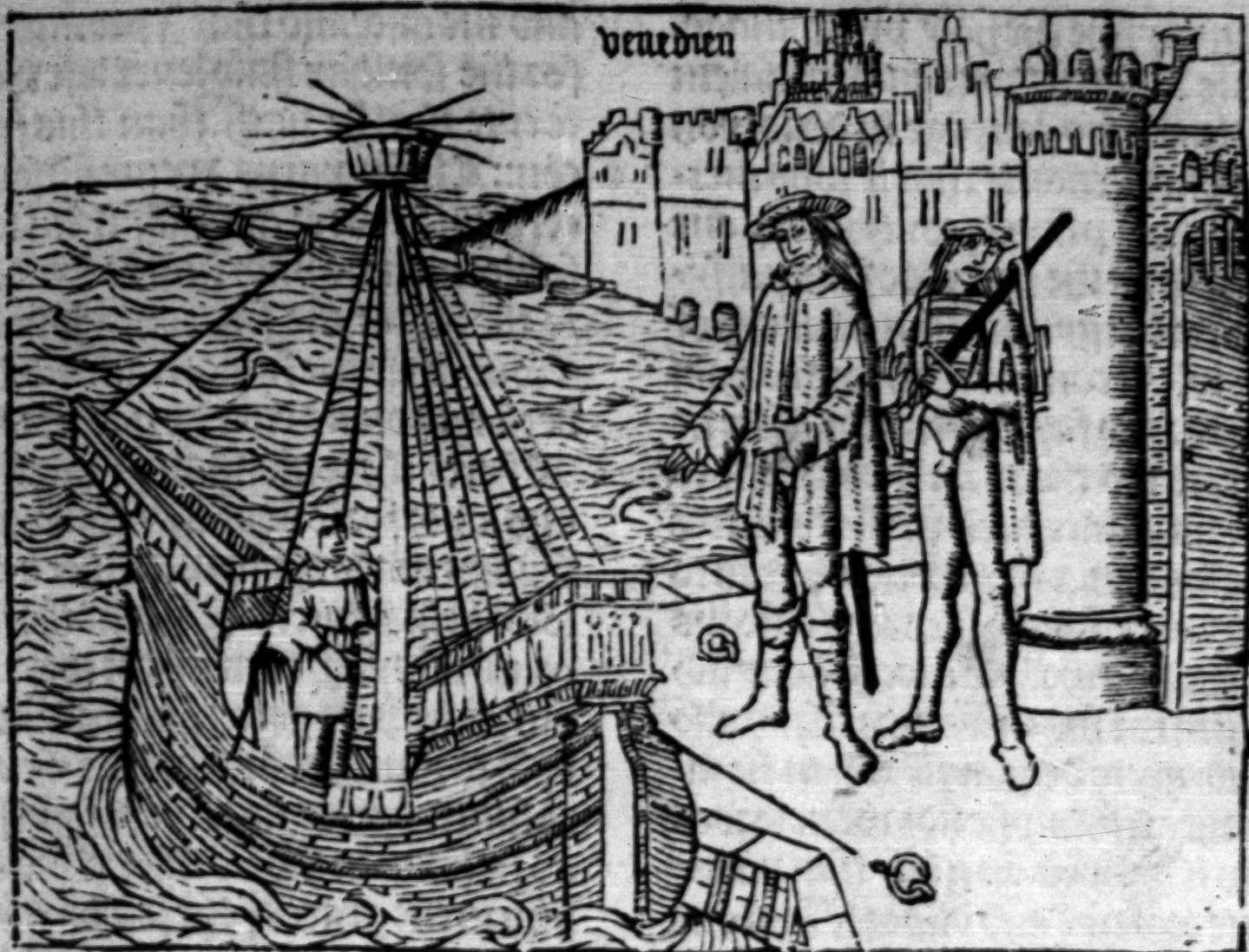
After that he had made his
complaynte. he wrote a let-
ter vnto Edward: doynge
hym to wyte how he had souerayn
sorowe for wyne which was in pry-
son & he thāked him of the goodnes &
dyligēce that he had doon toward
hyr/ in prayeng hym that he neuer
wolde faylle hyr/ but cōtynuelly ay-
de and helpe hyr with grēte diligēce



And after he wrote to him how for
veray displayre and melancolye he
wolde goo in to somme straunge coun-
treie. And that fro than forthon he
shold sende to hym noo moo letters/
and that he neuer retche for to here
noo tydinges fro him. no more than
of a deed persone. Therne whā Ed-
ward had receyued these letters fro
Paris and knewe that he wold es-
traunge him fro that contree of Ge-
nes/ and wold goo in to a straunge
contreie he was moche wroth and
fore agryued.

¶ And therne incontynēt Edward wē-
te and tolde it to the fader and moder
of parys/ wherof they toke soo grete

sorowe that thei supposed to haue los-
te theyr wytte. And after Edward
wente & tolde it also to vyene. wher-
of it nedeth not to demaunde the gre-
te sorowe that she had/ for it was so
grete and ouermoch. that if Edward
had not comforted hyr. she had bee-
dede And therne she complayned to
ysabeau sayeng that sy then she ne-
uer enteded to here tydinges of hyr
loue parys she was right wel cōtēte
to deye and that she wolde neuer mo-
re haue playre of no thig that was
in this world. & that therne she wol-
de that she were dede And ysabeau
comforted hyr alwaye



How parys wete to shippe at venyse: for to goo to the holy sepulchre in Iherusalem

After that parys had sent the letter to Edward: Incontinent he deyped fro Genes wth hys seruaunte / & wete to venyse where he took shippynge. and saylled so ferre that he cam to alexandrye. where he abode a space of time. & after in that countrey he enformed hym and lerned the waye to the mounte of caluarie and of Iherusalem & how he might passe surely / And after ward parys concluded to goo in to that countrey a pylgrymage / but tofore oz he took his waye. he lerned for to speke

the langage of moores. And whan Paris coude wel speke mouryske. he and his varlet took the waye toward ynde / and so ferre laboured by theyr journeyes / that they arryued in the londe of prestre Johan: In whiche he dwelled a longe tyme: and in that whyle his berde grewe longe / and after he took the habite of a more / and also lerned alle the customes and maners the countree. and he had alle waye faste by leue in our lord Ihesu criste and in the glorious virgyn marie his swete moder. and thus abydyng in this maner. he had grete wylle to goo to iherusalem to the holy sepulture for to see the holy santuaries: and for

to accomplissh the holy pylgremage.
Thenne whan he was in iherusalem
he sette alle his courage in deuocyon
and by ca so deuoute that it was mer-
uaylle. and prayed contynuelly our
lord that by the meryte of his passy-
on he wolde gyue to him saluacyon of
his soule/ & consolacyon for his bodi
& also for the fayr wyenne/ & after he
departed fro thens and wente in to
egypte: and arryued in the countree
of the soudan. & hys money began to
faylle: and hyred him a lytel hows
wherin he dwellyd moche heuy and
sorrowful for his infortune. And also
he had grete desplayse whan he saw
we other tryumphe and wepe lordes
Now it happed on a day that parys
wente to playe and disporte him out
of the town in the felde. and there
mette wth the faulconners of the sou-
dan/ whiche came fro hawking. and
emonge them was one faulcon mo-
che seke/ and that fawcon the soudan
loued beste of alle the other. Thenne
demanded parys of the faulconner
what sekenesse the faulcon had. And
the faulconner sayde to hym that he
wist not/ Thenne sayd parys truly yf
he contynue in the maladye that he
hath he shal not lyue thre dayes/ but
yf ye doo that I shal saye to you. and
yf he be not hole therwith he shal ne-
uer be hole/ Then sayd the fawcon-
ner to him. I praye you. that ye wyl
telle me what I shal doo. for I ensu-
re you faithfully. that yf ye may ma-
ke hi hole/ it shal moche auaylle you

and me also/ and that I promyse you
for the soudan had leuer lose the bes-
te cyte that he hath. than this faw-
con:: Thenne parys wente and sought
certayn herbes: and gaf them to the
faulconner and bad him to bynde the
to the feet of the faulcon/ & so he dyd/
& sone after the faulcon amended and
beca as hole as euer he had be tofore
Wherof the soudan was moche ioy-
ous/ and for loue of this faulcon/ the
soudan made the fawconner a grete
lord in his courte. Thenne the faul-
conner seepng that by the moyen of
parys he had gotten hys lordship: he
dyd to him moche playse/ & shewed
to him as grete amytie & frendshyp
as he had ben his brother/ & brought
him in the grace of the soudan. & was
receyued in to his courte. & the sou-
dan loued him soo wel that he gaf to
him grete offyce/ and mayntened hi
in grete honour.
¶ Ye shall vnderstonde that in thys
tyme reigned a moche holy pope. the
whiche was named Innocencyus/
and was a moche holy persone and
deuoute And it plesed soo hym that
he gaf oute a crosse. ayenst the fals
myscreauntes and hethen men. to the
ende that the name of our lord Ihesu
crist were more santefyed & enchan-
ced thurgh out all crystyente. & ther-
fore was maade a grete couceyl em-
ge the cardynals and prelates. and
was conclude by their parlament.
that thys crosse shold be wyrtowen to
the kinge of fraunce and to other kin

ges crysten dukes/ Erles/ and other
gret lordes. & so was it don

¶ How the doulphyn came to ward
the kyng of Fraunce



¶ Than the kyng of Fraunce
had receyued the letters fro
the pope/ Incontynēt he sente
for the doulphyn of vyēnoys/ that
he shold come and speke with hym/
The whiche incōtinent came at hys
commaudemēt. Then the kyng said
to him Syr godefroy we haue made
you to come hyther. for ye be one of
the most wysest of our courte/ & also
ye be of our lygnage. and we late you
wete that our holy fad the pope hath
wryton to vs that he had yeven a
croysse ayens the mescreaūtes. wher
fore we for the loue and reuerēce of

god entēde for to goo thyder. Neuer
theles we haue aduised that ye shold
goo fyrst into thoo partyes and we
praye you for the loue and reuerēce
of god that ye take on you the char-
ge for to espye the contrées. and also
the passages. Thenne the doulphyn
sayde. I am redy and appareilled to
do your commaudemēt with good
wylle. But how shal I now doo it
for to passe surely amonge the hethē
peple: For yf they apperceyue in o-
ny wyse that I goo for to espye their
countree. I shal not conne escape. but
that I must deye by cruel deth yf god

kepe me not. Therne sayde the king/
ye may goo & your companye surely
clothed; i habyte of pylgrymis / for ye
knowe wel; thys is not the fyrst ti-
me that many crysten men haue bee
in the holy londe. Wherfore I praye
you yet eft ones that in the name of
ihesu cryst that ye make you redy for
to goo thyder. and; take wyth you of
our knightes as many as it shal pla-
yse you. Therne the doulphyn seyng
the wyll of the king. and that incō-
tinēt he must departe: he sente letters
to hys wyf / that he wold; goo i to the
holy londe / to seche the holy sayntua-
ryes & pylgrimages. & prayed hyr th-
at she moche wysely shold gouerne
his londe: & that vyenne his dought-
er shold; not escape oute of pryson.
tyl he retourned; / For in shorte tyme
he wold; come ageyn

How the doulphyn took his ship
pyng; for to goo in to Iherusalem

After that the doulphin had;
taken his shyppe. & passed in
to Surye ad damaske / to ihe-
rusalem and; in many other places.
& had; aduysed; & espyed moche wi-
sely and well alle the countree / And;
enquyred of the crystē mē that dwel-
lyd; there many thinges. without dis-
coueryng his wille and entente. Ne-
uertheles some euyl crystē mē for ge-
te money tolde it vnto the souldan of
babylone. Thenke whan the souldā
knewe it / he maad; noo semblaunte.
but icōtinēt he made all the passages
to be kept where as the pylgris wēt

by in suche manere as the doulphyn
was taken & alle hys companye wth
him in a place called; Ramō not fer-
re fro Iherusalem Whiche was bro-
ught tofore the souldā. & he ordeyned
that the doulphyn shold be tormēted;
and pyned;. The doulphin seyng him-
self in suche a poynte sayd; that they
shold not tozmente him: and he wold
say to them the trouthe And thus he
recounted; to the souldā how the po-
pe had; gyven oute a croysee ayensi
them & how he was comen to espye
the contreye Whan the souldan sawe
this: he sayd that he wold; aduysē hi
of what deth he wold; do him to deif
in maner that all other shold take en-
saumple. And; cōmaūded; that anon
he shold; be ledde in to alexandrye. ad
there to be put into an herde pryson.
and; alsoo that none shold; gyue to hi
but brede & water Therne the doul-
phyn was brought in to alysandrye /
& was put into an hard and; stronge
toure. & there he suffred; a myserable
lyf & had; kepars that kept hi nyght
& day Thus was the doulphi in gre-
te sorowe thiking neuer to yssue out
of that pryson but dede. Neuertheles
the pope & the king of Fraunce dyd;
ofte tymes grete payne to haue him
out by synaūces / but they might not
haue him. For the souldā sayd; that
he shold; do on hi suche punpciō that
all other shold take ensaumple / Now
late vs leue to speke of the doulphyn
& retorne we to paris that knewe no
thinge of these tydinges

Now recounteth this storye that pa-
rys was in babylone lyke as ye haue
tofore herde/ which knewe noo thi-
ge of this fayte So it happed that bi ad-
uenture .ii. freres relygyous sought
thindulgences of the holy lande & ar-
ryued i babylone where they wold
see the seynourye & the pyssauce of
the sowldan. For theie the sowldan
helde him in babylone wth moche gre-
te pyssauce These two freres we-
re of these partyes/ whiche beyng in
tho partyes it happed as they wente
in the towne parys fode them/ Then
parys salewed them/ & demaunded
of these partyes and sayde to the in
this maner. After that I haue herde
say amonge you cristen men ye haue
a pope. the which is moche stronge &
pyssant. and also ye haue many ki-
ges & grete lordes/ & so grete townes
cytees and castells. that I haue mer-
ueyll how ye suffre that we that be
not of your lawe haue the seynour-
ye of the holy lande. which ought to
apptyne to you as ye say/ And whā
the freres had herde parys thus spe-
ke. they were soze aferde/ and one of
them answered in the lāgage of mou-
re/ For they wist none other but pa-
rys was a moure/ and so dyd al they of
the contrey. & he sayd to him. Syr I
bylene well that ye haue herd say: p
in our partyes been assembled grete
compane of peple & men of warre/
for to come into thise partyes/ by cau-
se that our holy fadere the pope hath
graunted oute a crosse: and in the

time whyles our men of warre asse-
bled. the kinge of fraunce whiche is
the grettest of crystyete: sente a noble
baron/ whiche is named the doulphi
of vpenmoy: for to vpsite and espye
these partyes. The souldā sette men
in such places: where as the pplgrs
were accustomed to passe. & sodeynli
he dyd do take him in a cyte named
Ramon/ and after sente him into a
leopardye. & there sette him in an euil
pyson/ wherin I suppose that he be-
dede/ and thus for this cause the fayt
was discoverd Then said paris/ how
is p lord named Then sayd the frere/
he is named godefroy of Allainson
doulphyn of vpenmoy/ & whan pa-
rys herde this he was moche abasshed
but he made noo semblaunter. & tho-
ught in his hert. that his aduenture
might yet come to good and effecte.
Then he demaunded the of many thi-
ges/ & sayd to them. that he wold mo-
re speke to them an other tyme: & de-
maundet the where they were lod-
ged: & they tolde him more for drede
thā for loue/ for they thought he wol-
de haue doon to the some harme

¶ Whan parys was depyted fro the
freres. he was moche pensyf how and
in what maner he might goo into a
leopardye for to see the doulphin/ and
how he myght gete him oute of py-
son. and so moche he thought on his
fayte: that he purposed to goo to the
hostre where the freres were lodged
and soo wente thyder. and whan the
freres sawe him they were soze afer-

de/ Then parys took them by the hādes / and ladde the to solace thurgh the cyte spekyng of many thinges alwaye in the langage of moure & sayd to them/ I haue grete desyre to see that crysten knyght whiche is in alexandrye / For I haue alwaye had good wyll to the crysten men. p aduenture I might yet wel helpe him/ & yf ye wil come with me/ I pmyse yow by my lawe/ that I shal make you good chere: & doubte ye nothyng. and then whan the freres herde hym thus speke they wist not what to answer. they had soo grete fere. Neuertheles they trustyng in the mercy of god/ they promysed him. that they shold deye & prayden god in theyr courage that he wold graunte grace that he myght come oute of pryson. Thenne parys had grete playse of the answer of the freres & wode neuer to see the houre that he might be with to see the doulphyn for to see the ende of his aduenture/ And so departed fro the freres. and wente stryght to the faulconner of the souldan/ wyth whom he had grete knowleche & sayd to him/ Serpynour I thanke you of the grete honour/ curtosye and gentylnes that ye haue do to me & playse yf you to wysse that I wyl depte fro hens into alexandrye. and I promyse to you that for your loue I shall not tarpe longe/ but that I shal retorne hyttheyr ageyn And bycause I am there unknowen & that I neuer was there: I praye you ryght humbly that I myght haue a

maundement of the souldan. that he commaunde to the gouernours that I may goo thorough alle his lode surely/ For ye knowe wel that one may not kepe him ouer wel fro euyl peple Therefore I praye you & requyre that ye wyl gete me suche a maundement and also that ye wyl commaunde me humbly to the good grace of my lord the souldan/ & for wyth the faulconner wete to the souldan & made his requeste for parys/ & incontynēt the souldan graunted hym al hys desyre: sayeng that it moche displaysed hym of the deptyng of parys. & yf he wold abyde and dwelle in hys courte/ he wolde make him a grete lord. Thenne the faulconner sayd/ Dere syr he hath promysed me/ that in short tyme he shal retorne/ Thenne the souldan dyd do make the maundement lyke as he wold deuise. charchyng al his lordes officers & subgettes of townes cytees and castells of his londe. that they shold doo to hi grete honour: & yf they shold gyue & delyuer to him al that shold be necessarye to hi without takyng any money or any other thynge of hi And also the souldan gaf to parys many riche clothes & vestimētes of cloth of gold & of sylke. & also he gaf to hi grete tresour. prayng him yf he shold not longe tarpe/ but hastely retorne ageyn. & promysed him that he shold make hi a grete lord/ & delyuerd hys maundement/ the which was sealed wth the propre seale of the souldan: & sygned with his owne hande



Now parys wyth two freres went
 into Alepandrye. where he was wor-
 shypfully receyued of Thadmyrall
When parys had receyued all
 these thinges that the souldā
 had gyuen to hi he took leue
 of him & of hys courte & wēt wth the
 freres into Alepandrye. Incōtinent
 after he was comen he shewed the
 maūdemēt to the admyral. the whi-
 che anon he had seē it. dyd grete ho-
 nour to parys / & delyuerd to hi a fayr
 loggynge pourueyed of all thiges ne-
 cessarye. and delyuerd an other to the
 freres. Thadmyral cam euery day to
 see parys in his loggynge for to doo hi
 honour & cōpanye / & wente & rode to

gyder thorough the cyte. and bycause p
 parys was rychely clad / euery man
 made to hi grete honour & sayd that
 he semed wel to be the sone of somme
 grete moure / And on a day as they
 rode in the cyte / they passed forth by
 the toure where as the doulphi was
 in pryson. Theñe parys demaunded
 of the admyral what toure it was p
 was so fayre. Theñe he tolde to him
 that it was a moche cruel pryson & ter-
 ryble In whiche the souldan helde a
 prysonner a grete lord & baron of the
 theste / which was comen for tresppe
 these cōtreys / Theñe sayd parys I
 praye you late vs goo see hym / & the
 admyral sayd he shold gladly. Theñ

they alyghted fro they² hors^{es}. & en-
tered in to the pryson. & whan parys
saw the doulphyn he had in his her-
te grete displeysur: bycause of the my-
serable & sorowfull yf that he suffred.
And parys demaunded of the kepar^s
what man he was. & they sayd. that
he was a grete barō of fraunce. Then
sayd parys. vnderstodest he mouris-
she. & they say nay: but that not with-
standyng yf he wold speke to hym/
that they shol fynde tourchemē ynō-
ugh. Thenne sayd parys he wolde re-
tozne an other day: for to demaunde
of him of the partys of the weste. and
prayed thadmyzal to gyue cōmaun-
dement to the kepar^s that as ofte as
he shold come that they shold she we
hym to hym: & incontynēt he commaū-
ded lyke as parys hath desyred. and
thenne they departed. & a fewe dayes
after parys retozned and came to the
prysō & brought one of the freres wth
him that coude speke mouryske/ and
whan they were within pryson. pa-
rys sayd to the frere that he shold sa-
lewe him curtosly. Neuertheles the
frere knewe noo thyng that parys
coude speke frensshe. Thenne the frere
sayd to the Doulphyn. that that lord
was come for to vysite him. and that
he loued wel crysten men/ and that he
was wel in the grace of the sowldan:
and that he trusted as moche in him
as in ony man of his contreye. & th^o
the frere demaunded many thynges
of the doulphin in y^e name of parys &
sayd if he might doo for hⁱ: he wold

gladly:

Whan the doulphyn herde the reli-
gious frere thus speke in the persone
of y^e moure. he was moche abasshed
in hys courage. bysechyng our lord
that he wold put him in such coura-
ge & good wylle for to bringe hⁱ out
of pryson. Parys desyred of here ty-
dings of the fayr vyēne sayd to the
frere that he shold aske to the doulphi
yf he had ony wyf or chyldre. Then
the doulphyn began to wepe/ & sayd y^e
he had a wyf/ and a doughter holden
for the fayrest of Fraunce. whom he
helde in pryson bycause she wold ta-
ke noo husbond: Thenne parys begā
to comfortee him by the mouth of y^e
frere: sayeng that he shold take all in
pacyēce/ & god shold yet ones deliuer
him oute of pryson/ bi which wordes
y^e doulphin was so rejoyced & joy^o
that him semed y^e god had appyered
to him/ & the doulphyn sayd to y^e frere
that it was grete pyte that the mou-
re was not crystē: & prayed our lord
y^e he wold gyue to hⁱ purssauice to ke-
pe him in y^e good wylle y^e he had: and
so depyted that one fro that other mo-
che cōforted. Then parys sayd to y^e
kepar^s y^e he had founde so grete plaisir
in the prysōner y^e he wold ofte tymes
come for to disporte him: & they sayd
whā it pleased hⁱ he shold retozne &
be welcome: & thenne parys sayd to y^e
frere that were iⁿ y^e place yst thought
to be sure of you: iⁿ thike wel to fynde
moyen to bringe this prysōner out
of pryson. and the freres were moch

admetuepelled of this/whiche parys
had sayd to them & they sayd to hi/
by the fayth that we owe to our god
that of vs ye nede not to doubt. & in
caas that ye be in wyll late vs assa-
ye/ but it must be doon secretly. For
ye see wel how many keepers bee the-
re continually: Therne sayd parys I
shal gyue to you good couceyl ad re-
medye of alle this. but I wil haue/ij.
thinges/ The fyrst thyng is. I wyll
that ye goo with me/ That other is.
that he shal gyue to me my lyuynge
honourably in hys countre/ for I am
in grete doute whā i haue delyuerd
him: & shal be in his countrepe that he
wil sette nought by me: & I can noo
mestyr ne crafte. ad soo I myght be
wel deceyued. Therefore yf he wyll
assure me/ ad that he wyl gyue to me
a pester: suche as I shal demaunde him
whan I shal be in his countrepe/ i shal
delyuer hym & shal leue my countree
for loue of him/ & ye may see in what
estate I am

On the morne parys and the freres
came into the prysō/ & the frere recoū-
ted al this to the doulphyn. & whan
the doulphin vnderstood this. hym
thought that god bare hym awaye:
& sayd. I thanke you ad thys moure
of the good wyll p he hath toward
me: For I neuer dyd him seruyce ne
playfir Wherfore he ought to do so
moche for me: Neuertheles I hope p
it is the playfir of god that he shal de-
lyuer me oute of pryson: i am redy to
swere vpon the body of Ihesu cryst:

or i euer departe from hēs/ that asson
as I shal be in myn owne lāde i shal
mayntene hi in more grete estate thā
he is here/ and I wyl that he doo all
his wyll of my londe/ for it shal suf-
fise to me onely that I haue a lyuin-
ge for me and my wyf. & I shal doo
al that he wyll. and so say to hym on
my behalue. And therne the frere tol-
de al to parys that which the doulphi
had sayd and promysed to do. and
to thēde that paris shold be more sure
he sayd to the frere that he shold brin-
ge tofore him the bodi of our lord Ie-
su cryst/ and that tofore him he shold
swere to holde alle that he promysed &
the frere tolde it to parys. & the doul-
phyn sware it to parys/ to accomplys-
she alle that he had promysed/ & whan
he had sworne to the ende that Pa-
rys shold be the better contēte. the dol-
phyn receyued the pceyous body of
our lord Ihesu cryst/ sayeng that it
shold be to the damnacyō of his sou-
le/ in caas that he accōplysshed not al
that he had promysed whā they shold
be in his londe. & whā this was doo/
parys & the freres deyped fro the doul-
phyn: & wente to the porte: for to wys-
te yf there were ony fuste that wold
come hytherward/ ad by aduenture
they fonde a fuste. ad parys with the
freres spake to the patrone. & promys-
sed him a. M. besaūts of gold yf thei
wold lete haue passage fyue ysones.
The patron seyng the grete tresour/
sayd to them that he was cōtente: but
he wold haue half at the porte: and

hys bok p lāmb to Jogen

sayd to them lordes I praye you ma
ke you redy for in caas þ the moure
of this londe fonde vs we shold be al
dede Therne sayd Parys make your
self al redy. for thys nyght at midny
ght I shal come: And after this Pa
rys retorned to his loggynge and dyd
do make redy moche vytaylle and the

best wyne that he coude gete and he
with the freres maad prouysyon of
alle other thinges and mantellys and
towellys

How that the doulphyn was deli
uerd by parys out of prysoun



When al was redy parys we
te to the keepers of prysoun and
sayd I thanke you many ti
mes of the grete playfirs that ye has
ue doon to me I wyll now departe

fro hens for to retourne to my lord
the Sowldan. But for your loue I
wyll soupe wyth yow thys nyght
and praye yow that we may soupe
to gydere And they answerd that

it wel pleased; the for his loue. Then
 Parys sente for the vptaylle and for
 the wyne. and after it was come they
 souped; to gyder / and the keepers whi
 che had not been accustomed to drin
 ke wyne: dranke soo moche that they
 alle were dronken. and incontynent
 leyed them down to slepe. and slepte
 so faste. that for noo thinge they cou
 de awake them / & whan paris sawe
 that: he sayd; to the freres: that they
 shold opene the pates of the pryson / &
 yf any of the keepers awake / I shall
 seee him. Thenne the freres began to
 vnfetere the doulphi with grete dre
 de. prayng god; to be thei; ayde & hel

pe / & whā the doulphyn was loos he
 cladde hi lyke a moure / After parys
 slewe alle the keepers one after an o
 ther bycause if they awoke they shol
 de not come after them

How the doulphyn. parys. and the ij.
 freres went to shyp

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Alys doon the dolphin with
parrys and his varlet and the
two freres camen to the por
te/ & hastely entred into the fuste whi
che was al redy/ and wonde vp theyr
sayle. and by the helpe of god began
so fast to saylle that with in fewe da
yes they arriued in a place that ther
was crysten: and there the dolphyn
wente alonde by cause he was moch
grieved and annoyed: as wel of the see
as for the harme that he had suffred
in pryson. and there borowed money
and fro thens came into cyprus wher
there was a kynge whiche had dwelles
in the courte of the king of fraunce
The which assone as he knewe that
the dolphyn of vyennoy was come
he went to mete hym & prayed hym
that he wold come & lodge in his pa
leys/ and the dolphyn wente thider.
wherof the king had grete joye: and
there he made hi grete chiere. for ma
ny tymes they had seen eche other in
the kinges court of Fraunce And af
ter the kynge demaunded him of his
adventure/ & the doulphyn recoūted
it to him al a longe. and bycause of the
comynge of the doulphi he made mos
che grete feste and receyued him mos
che hyely. and made him to sojourne
there as longe as it pleased him: and
whan the doulphyn had sojourned
there at his plaisir: he took leue of the
king and of al his courte/ thāking
him moch of the grete playfir that he
had doon to him The kynge seynge
the dolphyn wolde departe: he gaf to

him grete yestes: and dyd doo arme
two galeyes whiche accompanied
him. and brought hym vpon the see:
and had soo good winde that in fe
we dayes after they brought hym in
to arguesmortes

How the doulphyn and parrys we
re receyued with ioye and gladnesse
of the people of fraunce



When the doulphyn was ar-
rived, the knyghtes of the
doulphynne herde it anone, and
forthwith made them redy & went
to horsback & mete with hym at ay-
guesmortes / & there receyved him in
grete honour / and so came forth the
ryght waye to vpenne. & for pope his
comynge / all they of the cyte made a
moche noble and meruayllous feste /
whiche endured wel fyftene dayes /
and the playse and joye was so grete
amonge the bycause they had recous-
uered theyr lord / that noo man shold &
coude haue thought it / Paris in alle
this wyse neuer chaūged his vestu-
re ne clothynge. but cōtinuelly wente
to masse. and by the commaūdemēt of

the doulphyn / the people dyde him gre-
te reuerēce & honour. so much that pa-
rys was ashamed therof: and spake
noo thyng but mouryske: & he had
a grete berde. and made to noo persone
of the worlde any knowleche / & after
a whyle of tyme. the doulphyn for-
taccōmplysshe that he had promysed to
parys by the frere / dyd do say to paris
and demaunde / yf he wold haue the
seignourye of his londe and contree
for he was al redy for taccōmplys-
she that. whiche he had promysed.
And paris made to him answer that
he shold kepe styll his londe. Then
the doulphyn dyde demaūde hym
yf he wold haue hys doughter vye-
nys / paris made the frere to say / ye

for that pleased him wel/ and theñe
they wente to hyr. Theñe whā they
were tofore Wyenne/ the frere spake
 fyrst / Madame ye knowe well that
my lord your fader hath ben a grete
whyle in pryson: and yet shold haue
been: ne had haue been this moure/
which hath saued him/ puttyng his
p̄sone in right grete peryl and daunger
for the loue of my lord your fad. & ih̄
ye may wel knowe how moch he is
holden to him / & by cause herof your
fader is subget to him euer. wherfore
your fader prayeth you. that vpo all
the play sir that ye wyl doo for hym.
that ye wyl take hi for your husband
And he shal pardone all the displays
sir that euer ye dyd to him Whā the
frere had fynysshed his wordes wy
enne answered to him sayeng. The bis
shop of saynt laurence knoweth well
that is here p̄sent/ that it is lōge syth/
that yf I wold haue be maryed. I
might haue ben maryed with more
honour vnto my fader/ thā vnto this
moure. for the sone of the duc of bour
goyne had espoused me if i wold ha
ue cōfēted/ but god hath put me in su
che a maladye: that I may not longe
lyue in this world. and euery day my
maladye encreaceth & so enpayreth
me that I am half roten/ wherfore I
praye you to say to my fader that he
holde me excused. for at this tyme I
wyl not be maryed. Theñ they took
theyr leue of wyēne & recounted alle
this to the dolphyn. Theñe the doul
phyn sayd to the frere that he shold
say it to the moure/ & so the frere told

it al to parys / and theñe parys whi
che was aferde to lese the loue of wy
enne/ wente for to see hyr in the pry
son with the frere and the bysshop of
saynt laurence. Theñe whā parys sa
we wyēne in that disposicion he had
moch grete sorowe & grete meruail
le/ & theñ he made the frere to salewe
hyr in his name/ and wyēne answered
vnto hys gretynge curtosy. and the
frere sayd in the name of parys/ ma
dame ye knowe wel i haue delyuerd
your fader oute of the pryson. wherof
ye ought to haue singuler play sir: and
yet he shold haue been there if I had
not holpen hym oute/ & he p̄donneth
you with good hert & good wylle all
the displaysirs that euer ye dyd ay
ens hys play sir And prayeth you
that ye take me for your husband. &
wyl that we haue the lordship of the
doulphynne. & therfore I praye you
neither ye nor I lose not this honour
: and yet more though this were not/
ye ought not to disobeye the man
dementes of your fader. And theñe wy
enne answered to the frere as to the p̄so
ne of parys sayeng. i knowe wel that
ye haue delyuerd my fad oute of pry
son. Not withstōding my fader shal
haue suche regarde ayēst you that ye
shal lese noo thinge. And I wote wel
ȳ ye be a mā of grete lygnage. and are
whorthy to haue a gretter lady thā i
am But the bysshop of saynt laurence
which is p̄sēt knoweth wel that for
the maladye that i am in: I may not
lōge lyue. & theñe sayd the frere i this
name this is bycause I am a moure

that ye refuse me: I pmyse you that I
shal become cryste: but I thinke wel
that if ye knewe who that I am and
what I haue left for to brynge your
fader oute of prysō that ye wold preis
se me more thā ye doo/ knowe ye for
certayn þ your fader shal be periured
for he hath pmyseth þ ye shal be my
wyf. wherof ye shal haue blame. ther
fore if it please you graūte ye him his
wille/ Thesie sayd vyenne/ lord/ I ha
ue herd say moche good of you: & that
ye be he that haue doon somoche for
my fader. but neuertheles in the ma
ladye in the which I am none ought
to couceyl me to take an husbond/ for
my lyf may not lōge endure/ & by cau
se that ye may knowe that I say tro
uht approce þe ner to me: & ye shal fe
le and smelle in what disposiciō I am:
of my psone. & theñe they approuced
ner to hyr. & vyene had put .ij. quar
ters of an hēne vnder hyr two arme
hooles/ & there yssued so grete stēche
that the bissshop ne þ frere might not
suffre it: Neuertheles þ stynche was
to parys a good odour. for he smelled
it not. and sayde I wote not what ye
smelle/ for I fele none euyl sauour/ and
they meruaylled strōgely. bycause he
felte not the odour. & the frere sayde
in parys name/ For this odour shall
I neuer leue you & I assure you I shal
neuer depte fro hēs. vntyl ye haue cō
sented to þ your fader wyll/ & vyene
āswerd moche āgrely & laide: by the
fayth þ I owe to god/ I shal rather tē
ne wþ my hede ayēst the wall þ I shal

make my brai yssue oute of my mo
uth/ & so shal ye be the occasion of my
my deth/ Thesie sayd the frere ye shal
not so doo madame: For I promyse
you fro hēs forth. that I shal neuer spe
ke more to you. sythe þ it is not your
wyll ne play sit/ but atte leste of one
thing I praye you that this night ye
aduyse you/ & I shal retozne to morn
for to haue of you an āswer/ & ye shal
take couceyl of your felowe. & I praye
to god/ þ ye may be wel couceylled/ &
alle these thinges sayd the frere i the
name of parys to vyene. & after they
took theyr leue of vyene/ & sayd alle
to the doulphin/ wherof he was theñ
moche displeased: and bad the frere to
telle it all vnto parys for to excuse hi
& that he shold not lepe the blame on
him. And whan they were deptyed
fro vyene: she sayd to ysabeau/ My
sayr suster what semeth you of þ wi
sedom of my fader. that thinketh þ I
shold take this moure to my husbōd
& haue refused the sone of the duke of
bourgoyñ/ but god forbode that euer
in my lyf I haue other lord thā paris
to myn husbond: whome I hope yet
to haue. & ysabeau sayd Certes ma
dame I wote not what to say of yo
ur fader which wold gyue you to a
moure in mariage. I haue therof gre
te thought: for he hath sayd that he
shal retozne to morn to see you. and
hath sayd that ye shold remēbre and
aduyse you

How parys came to see vyene in the
pryson & how she knewe him



And on the morow betwixen pa-
 rys cladde hym moche more
 richely than to fore. & gyrded
 with a moche ryche swerde. & came
 to the pryson with the frere/ and the
 frere sayd to hyr/ Madame we been
 retorned for to knowe your goddys
 wer and your entencion/ And wyens
 he answered. lordes myn entencion is
 that I shal neuer breke my promesse
 that I haue made/ For I haue avo-
 wed that I shal neuer take husband
 ne goo owte of this pryson/ but dede/
 sauf him. to whome I haue promysed
 and therfore retorne ye in good tyme
 Therne sayd the frere. by my sayth I
 wote not what to say/ for hit is grete

dommage that ye suffre so moche so-
 rowe & payne. and syth it is thus your
 wyll. & that ye wyl none other wise
 doo. Neuertheles the moure prayeth
 you to do to him so moche grace. that
 syth ye wyl not take him in mariage
 that ye wyl bere thys rynge for the
 loue of hi. Now thys rynge was the
 same rynge that wyene gaf to parys
 whan he deyled fro hyr in the howe
 of the chapelayn/ and wyene by cau-
 se they shold nomore come agei took
 the rynge. & whan she had receyued
 the rynge: parys sayd to the frere/ I
 praye you that ye tarpe a lytel wyth
 oute. For I wyl see what coutenan-
 ces she wyl make of the rynge/ & the

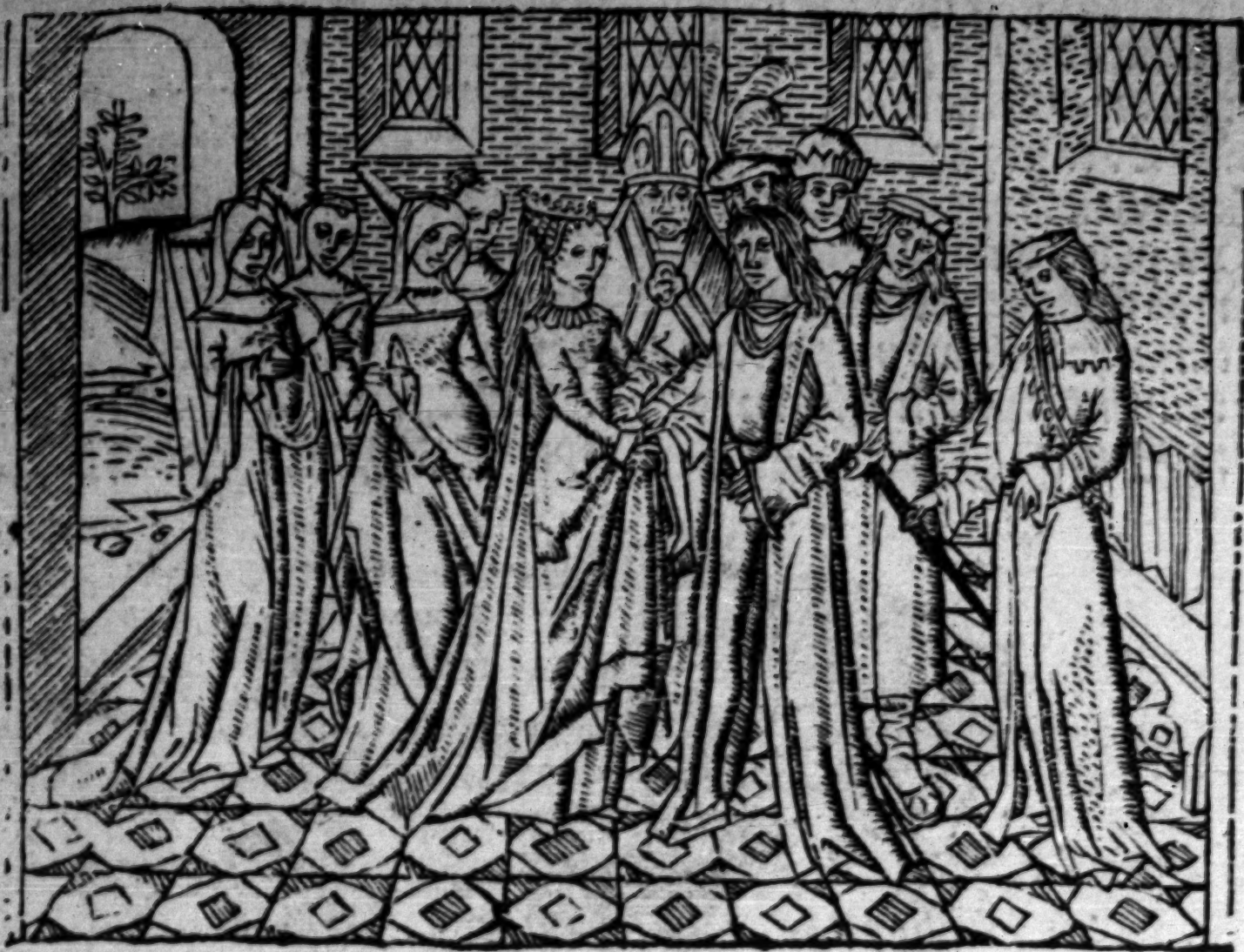
frere sayd gladli. Neuertheles he mer-
uaylled moche. and incontinent þ fre-
re wente oute: & vyene began to be-
holde the ryng. & whan parys sawe
that vyene byhelde the ryng so strō-
gely. he began to speke in his playne
tongue and sayd. O moche noble lady
why be ye soo moche meruaylled of þ
ryng. Theñe sayd vyene. Certes to
my semynge I sawe neuer a fayrer.
Theñe sayd parys. therfore I praye
you that ye take therein pleisir for the
more thāt ye byholde it: the more ye
shal prayse it.

¶ Whā vyene herd these moure th^o
speke. then she was more admerueyl-
led thā tofore. & was as a persone al-
abasshed. & sayd. Alas am i enchaū-
ted. & what is this that I see and here
speke. & in fa. eg. these word. she wol-
de haue fledde for fere oute of the pri-
so. by cause she herd the moure so spe-
ke. Theñe sayd parys. o moche noble
lady vyene. meruaille ye noo thynge ne
haue ye noo doubte: lo here is parys
your true seruaūte. & vyene was
then abasshed more thā tofore. certes
sayd she. this may not be but bi wer-
ke enchaūted. & parys sayd. noble la-
dy hit is no enchaūted werke: for i
am your seruaūte parys. whych leste
you wth ysabeau in such a chyrche. &
there ye gaf to me þ dyamōd whiche
now i haue deliuerd to you. & there ye
promysed to me. ye wold neuer take
husbond. but me. and be ye no thynge
admeruaylled of þ herde ne of þ vestu-
re that i bere: for they take awaye þ
knowleche of me. & many other wor-

des sayd parys to vyene. bi whiche
she knewe clerely that he was parys
& for the souerayn loue that she bare
to hi. & for the grete ioye that she had
she began to wepe in his armes. & te-
brace & kysshe him moche swetely. and
there they cōforted eche other wthth
swete wordes. & she abode lōge time
Vyene coude not ynough kysshe hym
& embrace hi. & also parys demaūde-
d of hyr aduēture. & she tolde him all
And of all this ysabeau had nothig
herde of. For she was faste a slepe by
cause she had watched alle the night
byfore. and for the grete ioye & swe-
tenes that parys & vyene demeaned
bytweene the. she awoke. & whan she
sawe vyene beynge embraced wth the
moure. she sayd. Madame wat is þ
ye do. haue ye loste your witte. that so
embrace this moure: hath he enchaū-
ted you. that ye suffre him so fampli-
er with you. and is this the fayth that
ye kepe to parys. for whō ye haue suf-
fred so moche paine & sorowe. & vyene
sayd. Swete sustere say ye noo suche
wordes but come & take your pte of
the solace that i haue. for also wel has-
ue ye founde good aduēture as i haue
see ye not here my swete parys. whō
so moche we haue desyred. Theñe isa-
beau approached ner to hi and byhelde
him wel. & sawe that it was parys. &
she wete & kyssed him. & demened so
moche grete ioye bytwene them thre.
that there is noo persone in þ world
that might say ne thi. it. but so abo-
de grete while i this soulas and ioye.
tyl atte laste parys spack Swete vy-

enne it byhoueth that we goo hēs to
foze my lord; the doulphyn your fad
for now fro hēs forth it is necessarye
that he knowe all our fayte. Neuer
theles i praye you to say nothing tyl
I desyre you. and; all thre came oute
of the pryson: & fode the frere whiche
meruaylled gretely & alle they to gy
dre wēte to the doulphyn. whiche had
souerayn play sir whā he sawe them
And neuertheles he was moch abas
shed; how hys doughtere was so co
me. and; theie parys sayd to the frere/
Save ye to the doulphyn that I haue
conuerted; his doughter to his wylle
and to myn/ & that it playse him p she
be my wyf: & the frere sayd; so Then
the doulphyn sayd; to his doughtere.
wyl ye take this mā for your husbōd;
which hath deliuerd; me oute of pri
son in grete paryl of his pson. Then
demaunded; viēne of paris if he wold
that she shold speke. & parys sayd ye
And; theie vyēne sayd to the doulphi
My fader I am redy to do your com
maūdemēt & hys: and; praye you to p
donne me & gyue to me your benedic
tyon. & whan she sayd thus hir fader
pardōned; hyr and; gaf to hys hyr bles
syng; & kyssed hyr. Then sayd vyēne
Too here is my good; frende parys.
whome I haue so moch desyred; and;
for whome i haue suffred; so moche
payne and sorowe And fader this is
he p so swetely songe & floyted; & that
wāne the ioustes in this cyte. & bare
w; h; the shelde of crystal & my gar
lōde/ & also this is he p wāne the ious
tes in p cyte of parys: & wā their p iij.

baners w; the iij. sewellys: & went
awaye w; the withoute knowyng
of any man: & also he hath deliuerd;
you out of pryson putting; hys l; in
jeopardye for you. And; whā p doul
phi vnderstood; all this he was mer
uayllously glad; & ioyous. After al this
parys wēt to his fader: & whā he sa
we him & knewe p he was hys sone
parys whome he had; so moch desy
red; to see: he embraced; h; & kyssed h;
: & for the rope p he had he coude not
speke a word/ & after all the other lor
des & knightes rāne for tēbrace & kys
se him: And after this ioye Paris fa
der sayd; to the doulphi My lord; play
se it you p i may borowe my sone ho
me to my hous for to see his moder &
his felowe Edward/ Then sayd the
doulphyn it plaifeth me right wel one
ly for this day. For to morow i wyl p
the mariage of h; & of my doughter
be made & solenmyssed; here/ & theie
messyre jaques wente w; hys sone
vnto his hous: verayli his fader his
moder & his felowe edward wist not
where they were for ioye & play sir p
they had. & that was noo wōder/ for
they had; no moo child; but h; & he
shold wedde p doughter of their lord;
& also parys was in that tyme beco
me a vaylaūte knight & ful of beaul
te: & for many reason it was no mer
uaylle though they had; in him grete
ioye & play sir/ & Edward demaunded;
of him of his aduēture & many o;er
thynges/ and; he recounted; and; tolde
hym alle



How parrys espoused & wedded wy-
enne / & of the feste þ was there made

Thenne on the morn the doul-
phyn gaf his daughter i mar-
riage to parrys. and the feste
was moche noble & sumptuo^s. For mo-
che peple were comē thyder for to see
the feste / & it endured wy. dayes. & the
playfir & solace which was doon for
the loue of parrys & of wyenne was soo
grete / that vnnethe it may be byleued
Which parrys & wyenne lyued to gy-
der a grete whyle in right grete cōso-
lacyō & plaisir / but after thacōplisshe-
ment of the mariage the fader & mo-
der of parrys lyued not longe after in

this world / & parrys had by wyenne
his wyf thre chyldren: that is to wes-
te two soncs and one doughter And
the doulphyn ordeyned for thē mo-
che noble matrymonye: And parrys
after the deth of hys fader and hys
moder wold that edward his dere fe-
lowe shold be herytyer of all the goo-
des that his fader lefte. & gaf to hym
ysabeau to his wyf / which lyued to
gyder longe tyme in grete loue & con-
corde. And sone after the doulphyn
and hys wyf deyeden. And thenne
was parrys doulphyn and had the pos-
sessyon of alle the seynourye. The
which lyued wy wyenne in this worl-
de xl. yere / & ledde a good & holy lyf

in so moche that after the endement
of somme men they be sayntes in he-
uen: & they deyed bothe in one yere. &
seimblably Edward & ysabeau deye-
d bothe tweyne in one yere. Therfo-
re late vs praye vnto our lord / that
we may do such werkes in this worl-
de. that in suche wise we may accom-
panye them in the perdurable glozpe
of heuen / Amen

Thus erndeth this storie of the no-
ble and vaylyant knyght parrys. and
the fayr vyene doughter of the doul-
phyn of vyennoy / translated out of
frensshe in to Englysshe by William
Caxton at westmestre / & prentyd by
me Gerard Leeu in the towne of an-
dewarpe In the yere of our lord. M.
.CCC. fowre skore and twelue. and
synysshed the viij. day of Iune



The veray trew hystory of the val iaūt knight Jasō

How he conquerd, or wan the golden fles. by the Counsel of Medea. and
of many othre victoryouse and wondrefull actis and dedys that he dyde by
his prowesse and cheualrye in his tyme . . .

